

QA Essay Entry #4: Classification text
Topic: 5 types of online students

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An online student is a person that takes classes online rather than being in the school's site. They join online meetings to hear the teacher or professor speak to the students. They can even have a one-on-one session with their teachers. There are more than five types of online students, but I'm just going to explain five types of students. One type is the Studious student, these are the type of students who ask a lot of questions and go deeper into the course of material than they should be studying. They also ask for more hands-on homeworks or activities, because they believe that it will improve their abilities in their everyday lives. The second one is the Shy student, these types of students either have their cameras and mics off all the time and they ask a question to the teacher through the chat box. If

you ask them anything about their personal life, they would usually say “I don’t remember” or “I don’t know”. The third one is the Class clown or the funny student, these are the types that bring laughter to both the teacher or his/her classmates, but sometimes their jokes are distracting that it makes it hard to concentrate in studying. These types of students can also make you laugh even during a stressful time, which makes them look like they don’t care what’s going on in their life. The fourth one is the clueless student, these types of students just stare at the classroom and they’re sometimes unaware that their camera and mic are turned on. These types of students don’t even know what the topic of their lesson they were studying during their online class. Lastly, the fifth one is the one who falls asleep in class, these types of students sleep during an online class because they lack sleep due to studying, watching Netflix, or playing games for too long. They type their attendance and just sleep throughout their entire online classroom session and their teachers won’t even notice. As we go through our education, we encounter many kinds of students, but the emergence of the pandemic through online classes brought us unique types of students especially during synchronous classes. Online schooling might be the new norm to the young generations and I know that there’s still more on the lists of the different types, but maybe there are more types of students that we can still find on the Internet that we have not explored yet.

The Studious students, these types of students are usually the best in class. They manage their priorities well and never get intimidated to ask a question from the teacher even if there are a lot of students. These people are usually the most confident in the class and will never hesitate to turn on their cameras and mics. They never get shy because they have pure determination on what they want to learn. They have high goals in life and they somehow can finish their assignments on time. They ask lots of questions and they go deeper into their studies, because they believe it will improve their knowledge and skills. Before the lockdown, I’ve encountered so many people who are just like this but when the pandemic started, I’ve seen fewer people being so studious. Maybe the confinement makes us less inspired and sometimes bored. People are more reluctant to socialize, which brings up my next topic.

The Shy students can be found almost at any school you’ve been to. They don’t have that many friends and would rather keep their small circle of friends, usually the ones they are very much comfortable with. They are not that confident and usually have inferior feelings before getting comfortable. They talk less to strangers because they are usually cautious and scared when they don’t know the person. They only speak when they are asked to do so, normally a “one question, one answer” type of conversation. Most of the time, these students just listen to the instructor and sometimes hesitate to ask a question. If they have a question, they will feel insecure and think it might be stupid to ask, so they would rather not ask. Even at times when it is important to ask, they will shy away. These students are also the type of people who won’t turn on their cameras and microphones, because they don’t want to expose their comfort zone. This might also be their way of coping with their anxiety and or their nervousness. They are usually distracted when they see so many people when the camera is on. They also participate less on social media like Facebook, discord, messenger, telegram, or any messaging platform available. To be honest, I’m a bit of a shy student myself because sometimes I feel like it’s not important to express myself. I also notice some of my classmates are like this as well; they talk less whenever there is a group discussion. Usually, they just listen to their leader and would hesitate to share their thoughts. They are sometimes very hard to handle, because they don’t communicate much. It’s even harder now, because of the pandemic and we hold online classes. It is a hassle not to get any

participation from them. The leader must be able to work on their patience and communication skills to lure them into the group.

The third one is the Class Clown or the funny student, these types are the ones who brings laughter to the class, but sometimes their jokes are distracting, that it makes it hard for the class to concentrate. They are either smart because of their witty jokes or they just have too much energy and confidence, sometimes they just could not focus. Sometimes, they are the type who can be friendly because they are the happy-go-lucky type of person. Although sometimes, they only have high confidence when they joke around but when you ask them to do serious stuff, they shy away. These types of students love to make everyone happy especially when people listen to their jokes. Clown students sometimes use their humor to escape their own harsh reality. Social media and TV programs usually influence their jokes. Although they sometimes distract the class, they are very helpful in making you feel less anxious or stress. Sometimes being a class clown is hard because I think that it's disturbing to come up with jokes in your mind while in class and not be able to focus on your studies. It's hard to think of two things at the same time when you're supposed to think about your studies only. It's very hard to think about fun and happy thoughts during the pandemic because of all the chaos happening in the world, but I think it's important to have these people in our lives because even a joke can change someone's state of mind to be happy again.

The Fourth one on my list is the Clueless student. These types of students just stare at the classroom and they're sometimes unaware that their camera and mic are turned on. They are the daydreaming type. They mostly just listen to the teacher and keep asking questions because they don't understand what they're listening to. These types of students don't even know what the topic of their lesson is about and just write down notes and study it later. They will ask questions and questions that have obvious answers to. These students also ignore the mentions they get on the group chat of their classmates and they will only answer them if their parents told them to answer it or if they feel like he/she should answer it, or maybe because they forgot that their phone was on "silent mode" that's why he/she can't hear the mentions they get. It's hard to get the attention of these people because of their lack of sense in their environment. When you're paired in a group work with these type of people then, good luck making him/her cooperate with you, you'll most likely be the leader of the group instantly.

The Fifth student on my list is the Sleepy student, these types of students sleep during an online class. They will fill their attendance first and then sleep throughout their online class. Each of the sleepy students have different reasons why they lack sleep, it's either they were studying for too long, or they were watching Netflix and/or playing games past their bedtime. A coffee drink might help them survive through one online class or two but they will suffer from sleep deprivation again once the coffee effect runs out. During the pandemic, it's hard to keep track of everything these days because before, schools make the schedules for you to follow which gives us time to think for our own schedules and just implement our time to the school's schedule.

Online Meetings will still be the norm that the young generations should be able to adapt to, and there are still more types of online students that I haven't been able to discover yet but maybe there are more types of students that we can still find on the internet that we have not explored yet. I

described what studious students are and how they are always best in class, also what shy students are and why do they always struggle in class base on my own experiences. After that, I narrated what the Class Clowns are in online classes and how they could cheer people even in hard times during the pandemic. I also mentioned what clueless students are and how it's hard to cooperate with them. Lastly, I stated what sleepy students are and why do they lack sleep based on my research and experiences. These are my top five online students that I usually encounter during online class, there is more to this list that I haven't mentioned in the essay yet, but these are the types of online students I choose to describe during my experiences in the pandemic. During my online class experiences throughout this quarantine, I encountered almost all of these students; most of them are shy including myself, and some clueless. It's just sad that the quarantine turned online classes like it's something you can't have fun with, but with the news online, is it still possible to do a face-to-face class in the future? I want to leave this essay on a good note by saying that even if we can't physically meet each other in a couple of years, we have to keep trying to stay strong, discipline, follow health protocols, and most importantly, PRAY. May we live strong and look forward to better times ahead.

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