

= Ferb Fletcher =

Ferb " Ferb " Fletcher is a British character on the animated television series Phineas and Ferb . The character , voiced by British actor Thomas Sangster , was created by Phineas and Ferb co @-@ founders Dan Povenmire and Jeff " Swampy " Marsh and first appeared in the show 's pilot episode , " Rollercoaster . "

Ferb and his stepbrother Phineas Flynn spend their days during summer vacation from school striving to have fun . They are featured in the majority of episodes as the A @-@ Plot constructing large scale inventions or taking part in other outlandish activities . Ferb , an engineering genius , allows Phineas to do most of the talking for the pair and is " more of a man of action . " When Ferb does speak , it is almost always a single sentence . In a conversation in the future time of " Phineas and Ferb 's Quantum Boogaloo " , it is revealed that he was at Camp David (hinting that he might be the current President of the United States , although his British background would presumably rule that out) .

Ferb was named after a set @-@ builder named Frank , whose wife nicknamed him " Ferb " . Frank , a friend of both Povenmire and Marsh , owns several tools and was considered a fitting choice for Ferb 's namesake . In " Vanessassary Roughness " Ferb explains that his name is short for something , but he didn 't get to say it . On Twitter , Povenmire announced that Ferb was actually short for " Ferbs " . He cares for Vanessa Doofenshmirtz (daughter of Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz) and saves her in the same episode when she gets tangled up and a lawn mower almost gets her , but he is able to save her with a giant tool which appears to be an exaggerated version of a Swiss Army Knife . In " Summer Belongs To You " Vanessa asks Candace what Ferb is short for ; Candace realizes she doesn 't know herself what it is short for . In the fourth season episode " Act Your Age " , his teenage self appears to be in a relationship with Vanessa . Ferb 's design is based around a rectangle and also shaped like an " F " and is inspired by the style of late animator Tex Avery . As a character , Ferb has been critically well received and appears in several pieces of Phineas and Ferb merchandise , including toys , t @-@ shirts , and a video game .

= = Role in Phineas and Ferb = =

Ferb comes from a blended family , a premise the creators considered underused in children 's programming and which reflected Marsh 's own upbringing . Ferb 's birth mother is never revealed , but the series shows that both Ferb and his father Lawrence hail from the United Kingdom . Lawrence married Ferb 's stepmother Linda after meeting her at a 1990s concert by the (fictitious) band Love Händel . Marsh considers explaining the family background " not important to the kids ' lives . They are a great blended family and that 's all we need to know . " Ferb and his family live in the fictional town of Danville , in a large , suburban neighborhood . Throughout their summer vacation , Ferb and Phineas conceive outrageous schemes to defeat boredom while sitting lazily beneath a tree in their backyard . Phineas mainly conceives each project while Ferb spearheads its construction . Their activities are usually beyond the capability of a typical child and have included toy design (in " Toy to the World ") ; treasure @-@ hunting (in " The Ballad of Badbeard ") ; engineering (in " It 's About Time ! ") ; and restaurant management (in " Chez Platypus ") . Ferb 's stepsister , Candace , is always trying to get the two in trouble with their mother for their schemes , but is never able to . Ferb hardly ever speaks but he is shown to talk at random times with a British accent . Ferb had a long speech in the episode " The Lizard Whisperer " .

= = Character = =

= = = Creation and conception = = =

Ferb was created by Phineas and Ferb co @-@ creators Dan Povenmire and Jeff " Swampy " Marsh , who originally met as layout artists on the Fox Network animated series The Simpsons .

Phineas and Ferb was inspired by their boyhood memories of summer vacation ; Povenmire and Marsh both felt the theme of school in television had fallen to redundancy and wanted to create a series that took place solely in the summertime .

Ferb 's name was derived from that of a mutual friend of Povenmire and Marsh named Frank , who " owns more tools than anyone [they] know . " Frank was a set @-@ builder who had worked building and designing sets for shows such as Star Trek : Deep Space Nine . Frank 's wife disliked Frank 's name and gave him the unusual nickname " Ferb " .

= = = Design and voice = = =

Ferb was given a simplistic structure so that young audiences would be able to draw him easily . As with the other characters of Phineas and Ferb , Ferb 's design is constructed of geometric shapes in homage to animator Tex Avery . Ferb 's head is based on a rectangle with a wider top than bottom . A square is used for his nose , and an egg @-@ shaped oval is used for his eyes . The eye furthest from the screen is always drawn larger than the other . Povenmire uses a nine @-@ step process to draw Ferb , starting with his head and ending with touch ups .

Ferb was originally going to be voiced by actor Mitchel Musso . However , when Phineas and Ferb was picked up as a full series , Povenmire and Marsh chose to make Ferb British and cast Thomas Sangster as his voice . However , they enjoyed Musso to a level that they recast him as the voice of the character Jeremy Johnson ; although Musso no longer voices a title character , his new role allows him more lines . Sangster himself is a British actor and was among several cast members hired that hailed from England . Marsh himself had lived in the country for seven years and developed a fondness for the culture and people .

= = = Personality = = =

Ferb was devised as a character devoid of ill will . Marsh explained , " It was important to us that [Phineas and Ferb] never did anything with any animosity . They never tried to get their sister in trouble or outsmart their mother and get away with it . " Instead , he and his brother create things for the sheer enjoyment of it or to help out others (" and for the ladies ") ; for example , Ferb and Phineas carve Candace 's face into Mount Rushmore for her birthday , set up a roller derby for a rematch race with his Grandmother Betty Jo 's old rival , create a haunted house for their friend Isabella to cure her hiccups and make a super @-@ computer to find out what to do for their mom after being so kind to them .

Povenmire and Marsh intended for Ferb 's drive to create be stem primarily from a desire to have fun , and in one episode , " Thaddeus and Thor " , Phineas openly confirms this as his and his brother 's only goal in their daily schemes ? though Ferb adds that they also do it " for the ladies . "

In the original pitch to overseas The Walt Disney Company executives , Povenmire and Marsh constructed storyboards and recorded them with dialogue and sound @-@ effects . As a prototype , Ferb did not speak at all . However , after considering comedy 's " big duos " including Wallace and Gromit and Jay and Silent Bob , the creators chose to have Ferb speak at least once in most episodes (but in " Summer Belongs To You " he spoke nine times and in " The Lizard Whisperer " gives an entire short speech that lasts about 45 seconds) , but to have him remain silent and allow Phineas to speak for him the majority of the time . Although Ferb 's taciturnity is generally not commented on in the series , Phineas mentions it while he and his brother were in England on the episode " A Hard Day 's Knight " : " I 'll be the top half since I tend to do more of the talking and you will be on the bottom part because of your long spindely legs " . Despite being quiet , Ferb is a polyglot , being able to speak in human , animal , and alien tongues .

Ferb also seems to possess good insight , which is probably the main character trait , other than his silence , distinguishing his character from Phineas . Jean Yoo , an official press member for Disney Channel , notes that when Ferb does speak , " it always shows a greater understanding of the situation than his countenance would indicate . " Ferb also seems to prefer singing to talking . He usually says one sentence per episode , such as " Platypuses are the only mammals to lay eggs , " "

Well , he [Buford] was all up in my face , " or " Candace , we [Phineas and Ferb] are just kids . " He also has a crush on Vanessa Doofenshmirtz .

= = Reception = =

Critical reception for the character has been generally positive . Emily Ashby of Common Sense Media describes him as a " go @-@ to engineering guru " and considers him and Phineas to be " partner [s] in crime . " Susan Stewart , reviewing the show in the New York Times , notes that Phineas and Ferb " work on a heroic scale and are apparently not limited by the laws of nature . " Josh Jackson , editor of Paste magazine , listed Ferb 's " dry wit " as the third of five reasons as to why the series is the " Best Kids Show on TV , " writing that " Ferb gets about one line per episode , but it 's always a doozy . "

Ed Stetzer , Richie Stanley , and Jason Hayes , author 's the book Lost and Found : The Younger Unchurched and the Churches That Reach Them , wrote that Ferb and Phineas , along with the cast of High School Musical , are examples of creating a " whole new culture " in households . Stetzer , Stanley , and Hayes continued to write that " [O] ur culture has connected with media that shows not only the Cinderella and Prince Charming life we all wish for , but also the life in which we all live with real trials , real joys , and real fears . "

" Backyard Beach , " a song Danny Jacob performs as Ferb in the episode " Lawn Gnome Beach Party of Terror , " became very popular among viewers and was voted as the second best song in the series by viewers in the special 2009 event , " Phineas and Ferb 's Musical Cliptastic Countdown " . The best , according to viewers , was " Gitchee Gitchee Goo " from " Flop Starz , " which Jacob performs in as Ferb . Ferb is also credited as the singer in the music video version of " My Ride from Outer Space " from the episode " The Chronicles of Meap " (actually performed again by Danny Jacob) .

= = In other media = =

Besides the series Phineas and Ferb , Ferb has been featured in several other pieces of merchandise from the series . To date , he has appeared in all Phineas and Ferb novelizations , published by Disney Press . Ferb appears in the Nintendo DS video game based on the series , simply titled Phineas and Ferb . Dan Povenmire has said that he saw nothing of the game until its release date , on which he was given a copy for free . Phineas and Ferb made a cameo on " The Straight @-@ A Team " episode of MAD when they decided to beat the Straight A @-@ Team . They appear again in the sketch " DolPhineas and Ferb Tale " where they are spoofed alongside the film Dolphin Tale . Their design in MAD was unrealistic to their regular design .

Plush toys of the character , along with toys representing Phineas and Perry , have been manufactured . Ferb also appears on most of the Phineas and Ferb t @-@ shirts . Ferb is set to appear in the forthcoming comic book series based on the series , though details are unconfirmed . Costumed versions of Ferb and Phineas have appeared in Disneyland , for the pre @-@ taping of the annual Walt Disney World Christmas Day Parade .