

Actor/Actress	Character	Seasons							Reunion miniseries
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Main characters									
Jane Kaczmarek	Lois	Main							
Bryan Cranston	Hal	Main							
Christopher Kennedy Masterson	Francis	Main							
Justin Berfield	Reese	Main							
Erik Per Sullivan	Dewey	Main							
Caleb Ellsworth-Clark								Main	
Catherine Lloyd Burns	Caroline Miller	Main ^[a]							
Frankie Muniz	Malcolm	Main							
James and Lukas Rodriguez	Jamie				Recurring				
Anthony Timpano							Main		
Vaughan Murrae	Kelly							Main	
Kiana Madeira	Tristan							Main	
Keeley Karsten	Leah							Main	
Recurring characters									
Craig Lamar Traylor	Stevie Kenarban	Recurring						Guest	
David Anthony Higgins	Craig Feldspar	Recurring						Guest	
Gary Anthony Williams	Abe Kenarban	Guest	Recurring					Guest	
Evan Matthew Cohen	Lloyd	Recurring							
Kyle Sullivan	Dabney	Recurring							
Daniel von Barga	Edwin Spangler	Recurring		Flashback					
Todd Giebenhain	Richie	Recurring	Guest						
Will Jennings	Kyle	Recurring							
Drew Powell	Drew Horton	Recurring							
Arjay Smith	Ken Finley	Recurring							
Karim Prince	Stanley Winn	Recurring							

Paul Willson	Ed	Recurring		Guest		Guest			
Landry Allbright	Julie	Recurring							
Parker Mills	Circus	Recurring							
Justin Pierce	Justin	Recurring							
Eric Nenninger	Eric Hansen	Guest	Recurring		Flashback				
Merrin Dungey	Kitty Kenarban	Guest	Recurring	Guest			Guest		
Kasan Butcher	Joe	Guest	Recurring						
Tania Raymonde	Cynthia		Recurring	Guest					
Cloris Leachman	Ida		Guest		Recurring				
Emy Coligado	Piama Tananahaakna			Recurring					
Chris Eigeman	Lionel Herkabe			Recurring		Guest	Recurring	Guest	
Dan Martin	Malik			Recurring			Guest		
Alex Morris	Trey			Recurring			Guest		
Edward James Gage	Brian			Recurring			Guest		
Jonathan Craig Williams	Steve			Recurring			Guest		
Victor Z. Isaac	Kevin			Recurring					
Brenda Wehle	Lavernia			Recurring					
Sandy Ward	Pete			Recurring					
John Ennis	Artie			Recurring					
Kenneth Mars	Otto Mannkusser				Recurring				
Meagen Fay	Gretchen Mannkusser				Recurring				
Brittany Renee Finamore	Alison				Recurring				
Reagan Dale Neis	Nikki				Recurring				
Hayden Panettiere	Jessica				Guest		Guest	Recurring	
Julie Hagerty	Polly					Recurring			
Cameron Monaghan	Chad					Guest	Recurring		
Danny McCarthy Jr.	David Hanson					Guest	Recurring		

Amy Bruckner	Zoe Deseneau		Guest	Recurring	
Steve Vinovich	Mr. Hodges			Recurring	
Rheagan Wallace	Raduca			Recurring	

a. [^] Only receives main billing for the episodes in which she appears

Main [[edit](#)]

Malcolm [[edit](#)]

Malcolm, played by actor [Frankie Muniz](#) (in a total of 150 episodes), is the main protagonist and occasional narrator of this series. He is approximately five years younger than his oldest brother Francis, one year younger than his older brother Reese, five years older than their younger brother Dewey, and about 15 years older than their youngest brother Jamie. In the first episode of the series, he is discovered to be a child prodigy and was immediately moved from his regular class into the "Krelboynes", a class for gifted students. Despite his high intelligence, he still gets into mischief either alongside or working against his brothers (in particular, his older brother Reese), although he becomes more self-centered and vain in the later seasons as he goes through puberty. Being a genius, Malcolm often serves as the ring leader in the brothers' juvenile schemes. According to Hal, in "Stock Car Races" (season 1), Malcolm was named after Hal's favorite Stock Car Racer, Rusty Malcolm, although he had previously argued with Lois about giving the name to Francis and Reese. Malcolm, like Reese, is very unpopular at school, yet he has had a number of girlfriends during the series run. Like Lois, he gets angry or frustrated very easily but he also has problems containing his opinion about himself. Malcolm also occasionally serves as the voice of reason, and does have a conscience. For instance, despite emotionally manipulating a grieving Hal to buy him a car in the episode "Hal Grieves," when the time comes to make the purchase, he feels guilty (but just as Hal begins to sign, Lois finally turns up and *she, not Malcom*, puts an end to it). In the series finale, it is revealed that Lois intended him to have a hard life, knowing that he is destined to assume the role of President of the United States. Lois wants him to remember where he came from to get there and help families like his own when he assumes the office. Malcolm eventually comes to terms with his future, after being unable to tell her that he can not do it. In the series finale, he begins taking classes at [Harvard University](#). Throughout the series, Malcolm frequently breaks the fourth wall and talks to the viewer about either the current situation or provides exposition about past events.^[2]

Lois [[edit](#)]

Lois, played by [Jane Kaczmarek](#) (146 episodes), is Francis, Reese, Malcolm, Dewey, and Jamie's temperamental and overbearing mother. She is despised by the neighbors to the point that they refuse to invite her to their gatherings, revealed in "Mono". Unlike Malcolm, Lois is not bothered by it and tries her best to blend in with it. Lois is 38 years old as of Season 2, and had originally planned to attend music school and become a concert violinist before she married Hal ("Lois' Birthday"). She was revealed to be a charming and nurturing mother while Francis was little, but toughened up. When she became more overbearing and demanding, it did not help Francis or the other boys to behave, but she unknowingly made it worse. She also stubbornly believes she is always in the right, to the point of being unable to say that she was wrong. Lois's severe anger issues are very often caused by her sons' frequent bad behavior, and also from her miserable childhood. Her uncaring parents Ida and Victor favored her younger sister, Susan. Lois and Susan would later have a serious falling out after it is revealed that Hal was originally Susan's boyfriend. She is a pushy academic mother and in the series finale, it is revealed that she is trying to groom Malcolm to become President of the United States. The finale also reveals that she is pregnant again. Lois is usually seen driving the family's early 1990s [Plymouth Grand Voyager](#).^[2]

Hal [[edit](#)]

Hal, played by [Bryan Cranston](#) (151 episodes), is the father of the family. Though relaxed in his parenting when compared to Lois, Hal has shown that he can slide into a disciplinarian when confronted by the boys' bad behavior. He was a rebel like his sons, especially Francis, until he married Lois and she nurtured him. He comes from a wealthy family who resent his choice to marry Lois