



Actor Character Types Guide

Comprehensive guide to character types for modern casting

About This Guide

This guide contains all character types used in the Audition Tracker Typecast Algorithm. Each type includes a description and examples from popular media. Use this as a reference to understand your casting potential and the types of roles you might be suited for.

Leading Roles

Hero

The central protagonist - confident, courageous, and morally upright.

Examples: Captain America (MCU), Luke Skywalker (Star Wars), Harry Potter

Leading Lady

The female protagonist - charismatic, confident, and carries the emotional weight.

Examples: Katniss Everdeen (Hunger Games), Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson)

Leading Man

The male protagonist - charismatic, confident, and carries the action.

Examples: James Bond (Daniel Craig), Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford), Captain America (Chris Evans)

Action Hero

The physically capable protagonist who excels in action sequences.

Examples: John Wick (Keanu Reeves), Jason Bourne (Matt Damon), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson)

Anti-Hero

The morally complex protagonist with questionable methods.

Examples: Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds), Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie)

Femme Fatale

The dangerous seductress - mysterious, manipulative, and uses charm as a weapon.

Examples: Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Mystique (Rebecca Romijn)

Supporting Roles

Sidekick

The loyal companion - quirky, supportive, and provides comic relief.

Examples: Ron Weasley (Harry Potter), Samwise Gamgee (Lord of the Rings), Chewbacca (Star Wars)

Mentor

The wise guide - authoritative, nurturing, and helps the hero grow.

Examples: Obi-Wan Kenobi (Star Wars), Gandalf (Lord of the Rings), Dumbledore (Harry Potter)

Love Interest

The romantic partner - charismatic, emotionally expressive.

Examples: Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst), Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow)

Comic Relief

The funny friend - quirky, charismatic, and lightens the mood.

Examples: Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds), Chandler Bing (Friends)

Best Friend

The supportive companion - charismatic, nurturing, and provides friendship.

Examples: Samwise Gamgee, Ron Weasley, Chewbacca

Antagonists

Villain

The antagonist - mysterious, manipulative, and opposes the hero.

Examples: Darth Vader (James Earl Jones), Joker (Heath Ledger), Thanos (Josh Brolin)

Character Types

Bad Boy

The rebellious, attractive male character.

Examples: Han Solo (Harrison Ford), Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), James Dean roles

Girl Next Door

The sweet, relatable female character.

Examples: Mary Jane Watson, Sandy (Olivia Newton-John), Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon)

Nerd

The intelligent, socially awkward character.

Examples: Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire), Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson)

Jock

The athletic, popular character.

Examples: Captain America, Thor, Superman

Artist

The creative, sensitive character.

Examples: Vincent van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Andy Warhol

Scientist

The logical, analytical character.

Examples: Dr. Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), Tony Stark, Dr. Banner (Mark Ruffalo)

Detective

The investigator who solves mysteries.

Examples: Sherlock Holmes (Benedict Cumberbatch), Batman, Columbo

Teacher

The educator who guides others.

Examples: Professor McGonagall, Mr. Miyagi, Professor Xavier

Student

The learner who grows throughout the story.

Examples: Harry Potter, Luke Skywalker, Peter Parker

Parent

The caring guardian figure.

Examples: Uncle Ben, Aunt May, Dumbledore

Child

The young character who needs protection.

Examples: Baby Yoda, E.T., Harry Potter

Professional Types

Doctor

The medical professional.

Examples: Dr. House (Hugh Laurie), Dr. Strange, Dr. Banner

Nurse

The caring medical professional.

Examples: Nurse Ratched (Louise Fletcher), Florence Nightingale

Lawyer

The legal professional.

Examples: Atticus Finch (Gregory Peck), Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon)

Police Officer

The law enforcement officer.

Examples: Dirty Harry (Clint Eastwood), John McClane (Bruce Willis)

Soldier

The military professional.

Examples: Captain America, Rambo (Sylvester Stallone), Private Ryan

Spy

The secret agent.

Examples: James Bond (Daniel Craig), Jason Bourne (Matt Damon), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson)

Boss

The authority figure in the workplace.

Examples: Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep), Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas)

Employee

The worker under authority.

Examples: Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), Peter Gibbons (Ron Livingston)

Fantasy & Period Types

Queen

The female ruler.

Examples: Queen Elizabeth (Helen Mirren), Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke)

King

The male ruler.

Examples: King Arthur, Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), King Richard

Prince

The young male royal.

Examples: Prince Charming, Prince Eric, Prince Aladdin

Princess

The young female royal.

Examples: Princess Leia, Princess Jasmine, Princess Aurora

Wizard

The magical spellcaster.

Examples: Gandalf, Dumbledore, Merlin

Witch

The female magical practitioner.

Examples: Hermione Granger, Glinda (Billie Burke), Maleficent

Vampire

The immortal blood drinker.

Examples: Dracula (Bela Lugosi), Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), Blade (Wesley Snipes)

Werewolf

The shape-shifting creature.

Examples: Remus Lupin (David Thewlis), Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner)

Ghost

The spectral being.

Examples: Casper, The Ghost of Christmas Past, Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze)

Alien

The extraterrestrial being.

Examples: E.T., Superman, Chewbacca

Robot

The mechanical being.

Examples: R2-D2, C-3PO, The Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger)

Modern Types

Tech Genius

The brilliant technology expert - intellectual, quirky, and drives innovation.

Examples: Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg), Elon Musk portrayals

Social Media Influencer

The digital content creator - charismatic, confident, and builds online communities.

Examples: Reality TV stars, YouTube personalities, Instagram celebrities

Celebrity

The famous personality - charismatic, confident, and lives in the spotlight.

Examples: Reality TV stars, social media influencers, modern fame seekers

Reality Star

The reality TV personality - charismatic, dramatic, and thrives on attention.

Examples: Kardashians, Real Housewives, modern reality show contestants

Veteran

The experienced military professional - authoritative, protective, and carries battle scars.

Examples: Rambo (Sylvester Stallone), John Wick (Keanu Reeves), war film characters

Immigrant

The newcomer adapting to a new culture - hardworking, protective, and bridges worlds.

Examples: Modern immigration stories, cultural adaptation narratives

Activist

The social justice advocate - passionate, charismatic, and fights for change.

Examples: Civil rights leaders, environmental activists, modern protestors

Podcaster

The digital content creator - charismatic, intellectual, and builds online audiences.

Examples: Modern podcast hosts, digital media personalities

Gamer

The video game enthusiast - quirky, intellectual, and lives in digital worlds.

Examples: Ready Player One characters, modern gaming culture representatives

Chef

The culinary artist - passionate, authoritative, and creates through food.

Examples: Gordon Ramsay portrayals, Ratatouille characters, Food Network personalities

Journalist

The truth-seeking reporter - intellectual, confident, and uncovers stories.

Examples: Lois Lane, Woodward & Bernstein, modern news anchors

Fitness Trainer

The health and wellness expert - confident, charismatic, and transforms lives.

Examples: Modern fitness influencers, gym culture representatives

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