

NPC Quirks

A one page look at our friendly, and deadly companions.

The following page is not, by any means, to be thought of as the end all be all to NPC weirdness. Use them for ideas, use them for entertainment, but please use your own imagination to add to the list.

The original compilation is one page long, divided into three columns. Feel free to use one, some, or as many of the quirks as you like to add memorable traits to the personalities that your players encounter. Keep in mind though, that subtle oddities often stick in the human mind, sometimes more often than the glaring differences. Finally, remember that quirks alone will not carry an NPC. You have to breathe a life of their own into them; thus complimenting the things that make them human. Robots are a whole other bag of bolts.

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❖ Speech

- Accents
 - Russian
 - Indian
 - Jamaican
 - Canadian
 - Chicago
 - Minnesota
 - Southern
 - Mexican
- slurred
- slow
- fast
- squeaky
- bass
- whispers
- shouts
- sings
- stutter
- angelic voice pattern

❖ Mannerisms & Habits

- plays with hair
- picks nose
- "checks" hair
- shows off muscles
- flaunts sex
- fidgets
- shifty eyes
- bites nails
- itchy
- counts on his fingers
- innuendo
- close talker
- likes to hug
- skips everywhere
- hums to himself
- quotes
- cool under pressure
- explains with hand motions

❖ Clothing

- cowboy hats
- zoot suits
- clashing colors
- flowers
- sunglasses
- leather
- high heels
- certain color(s)
- plaid

- stripes
- cape
- tattered
- shorts in cold weather
- sandals
- extra long stocking cap
- odd jewelry
- lace
- piercings
- dresses like a sailor

❖ Personality

- mean
- nice
- kind
- paranoid
- nonchalant
- goof
- religious
- proper
- all business
- confident
- unsure
- biased
- open-minded
- introvert
- eccentric
- shocking
- fun
- funny
- boring
- showoff
- standoffish
- trusting
- witty
- corny
- proud
- braggart
- strange
- ditzy
- motherly

❖ Physical Appearance

- greasy hair
- tan
- pale
- long hair
- no hair
- tattooed
- scared
- extra body hair
- warts
- perfect skin
- gorgeous
- not-so-gorgeous
- burnt skin

- multi-colored hair
- fat
- thin
- lopsided
- tall
- short
- missing a limb

❖ Other Perks/Talents

- excellent driver
- double jointed
- quick runner
- always knows what time it is
- great sense of direction
- always getting lost
- well-connected
- beautifully inept
- lady's man
- try's to be a lady's man
- good ear
- great taste in wines
- totally unaware of current events
- lovely style
- good at ping pong
- prepares Mac & Cheese like none other
- knows how to mix every known drink
- horrible singing voice
- familiar with arcane literature
- can't do math to save his own hide
- wonderful with animals
- cats attack him on sight

❖ History

- wrongfully imprisoned
- rich relatives
- ex-gang member
- parents were movie stars
- recovering alcoholic
- farm boy in a big city
- land lubber on a boat
- abusive childhood
- nerd in high school
- immigrated with his grandparents
- raised on a military base