

## CAST OF CHARACTERS – A Charlie Brown Christmas

The Peanuts characters are actually elementary school age, for obvious reasons, we would like all the characters to be played by Junior and Senior High school students. A general description of each character follows:

**CHARLIE BROWN** = The "lovable loser", a person who frequently suffers, and as a result, is usually nervous and lacks self-confidence. He shows both pessimistic and optimistic attitudes: on some days, he is reluctant to go out because his day might just be spoiled, but on others, he hopes for the best and tries as much as he can to accomplish things.

**SNOOPY** = Charlie Brown's pet dog who is loyal, innocent, imaginative and a good-natured beagle who is prone to imagining fantasy lives, including being an author, a college student known as "Joe Cool", an attorney, and a British World War I flying ace. Snoopy can be selfish, gluttonous, and lazy at times, and occasionally mocks his owner, Charlie Brown, but on the whole, he shows great love, care, and loyalty for his owner.

**LUCY VAN PELT** = The older sister of Linus. Lucy is characterized as a crabby, bossy and opinionated girl who bullies other characters, particularly Linus and Charlie Brown. She also has a strong unrequited crush on Schroeder. Lucy also operates a psychiatric booth, where she offers advice and psychoanalysis for a nickel, usually to an anxious Charlie Brown. The "advice" is almost always worthless.

**LINUS VAN PELT** = The best friend of Charlie Brown, and the younger brother of Lucy van Pelt. Linus is very intelligent and very wise serving as the philosopher and theologian. Juvenile aspects of his character are also displayed; for example, Linus is almost always depicted holding his blue security blanket—for which he is often mocked by other characters—and often sucks his thumb.

**PIG PEN** = Known for his perpetually filthy overalls and the cloud of dirt and dust that follows him wherever he goes. He seems to be fond of Violet. Though "Pig-Pen" is proud of his uncleanliness, Charlie Brown is the only one to unconditionally accept "Pig-Pen" for who he is. He also plays the upright bass.

**FRIEDA** = She is known for having naturally curly hair, of which she is extremely proud. This self-love of her hair leads people to believe that she is rather vain. A fetching, kind and charming girl, who throws her deeper goodness away because she wants to be admired for such superficialities as being a good conversationalist.

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**SCHROEDER** = Skilled at playing the toy piano, as well as having a love of classical music and the composer Ludwig van Beethoven in particular. He is also the object of the unrequited infatuation of Lucy van Pelt, who constantly leans on Schroeder's piano, much to Schroeder's annoyance. After Linus and Snoopy, Schroeder is Charlie Brown's closest friend.

**VIOLET GRAY** = A jealous girl who likes bragging and, along with her friends Patty and Lucy often tease and torment Charlie Brown. Violet is smart, popular, and a snob. She makes her opinions known to everyone, and views others as beneath her.

**SALLY BROWN** = the complex little sister of Charlie Brown. On one hand, she is good-hearted, cute, funny, friendly, sweet, and innocent. However, on the other, she can be lazy, naive, obsessive, greedy, insecure, and sometimes even self-centered and manipulative. Sally has a "take it easy" approach to life, preferring to slide by while doing as little work as possible.

**PATTY** = (Not Peppermint Patty) Best known as a girl who thinks highly of herself, and because of her self-opinion, she often torments the hapless Charlie Brown. She often accompanies her best friend Violet. Patty is also known for asking Pig-Pen why he is constantly so dirty. She is the older one in the Peanuts gang.

**SHERMY** = Shermy was often portrayed as Charlie Brown's superior at the things that mattered to Charlie Brown, especially athletics. Shermy wonders why he has to play the shepherd every year in the Christmas pageant.