

## What is special about being an adolescent? Does this age involve any particular troubles and issues?

"...And these children  
that you spit on  
as they try to change their worlds  
are immune to your consultations.  
They're quite aware  
of what they're going through..."

DAVID BOWIE

Join the words into collocations, listen to the clip and check yourself. Do you agree with these tongue-in-cheek characteristics? \_\_\_\_\_

a subset of	sleep pattern
natural	mood
an untidy	humans
nocturnal	locked bedroom
grumpy	habitat

**What other adjectives would you choose to describe adolescent feelings/behaviour? There's no right/wrong answer, just take your pick.**

bored   sloppy   messy   antagonistic   motivated   insecure  
reckless   anxious   responsible   determined   awkward  
poised   moody   sullen   sulky   gloomy   grumpy   reserved  
withdrawn   easy-going   cheeky   cocky  
inexperienced   self-absorbed   vulnerable   flippant   bratty  
rebellious   disobedient   nihilistic

**Do you know someone sloppy or messy?**

**Do you often get sulky and gloomy?**

**Can you add your own examples to the list?**

- “arch” – original; “type” - model
- the original pattern or model from which all things of the same kind are copied or on which they are based; a model or first form; prototype.
- Example: *Frankenstein* , *Dracula* are both archetypes that have influenced subsequent horror stories – i.e. *Freddy Krueger*

• “archetype” Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.0), Random House, Inc. 23 Aug. 2016. <Dictionary.com  
<http://dictionary.com/browse/archetype>>

**Look at the pictures and the “nicknames”. Do they look and sound familiar?**

**What pictures do you think the archetypes match (drag and drop them)**

**A Brain    An Athlete**

**A Basket Case    A Princess**

**A Criminal**



**Watch the trailer. How much time do the kids have for writing their essays?**

**Do you have any idea what is the topic of the essay?**

**Do you think they will have written the essay by the end of the detention?**

**Put the parts of the summary of *The Breakfast Club* in order.**

\_\_\_\_\_ All the typical high school clique archetypes are present and accounted for: the popular girl, Claire; the jock, Andrew; the rebel, John; the outcast, Allison; and the geek, Brian.

\_\_\_\_\_ On a Saturday morning, five high school students in Shermer, Illinois, assemble in their school's library for eight hours of detention.

\_\_\_\_\_ It's unclear if that will stick, but for now everyone gains new perspectives on the lot peers and parents have handed to them.

\_\_\_\_\_ But time together eventually erodes the barriers separating them.

\_\_\_\_\_ Written, produced, and directed by John Hughes, *The Breakfast Club* is a 1985 movie that stars five members of the 1980s iconic Brat Pack: the criminal, the princess, the athlete, the brain, and the basket case.

(Source: [fastcompany.com](http://fastcompany.com))

The concept of a group of teenagers, or sometimes grown-up people, being confined in a place like a library, a classroom, a study room, or whatever, forced to interact and connect, is often used in other media to reference *The Breakfast Club*. We've seen this done in *Spider-Man: Homecoming*, *Deadly Class*, *Riverdale*, *One Tree Hill*, *Blindspot*, *Dawson's Creek*, *The Vampire Diaries* and so on. It's an instantly recognizable visual clue.