



## What is a geek?

Comic book  
Arcade

### Check what applies to you.

I'd like to collect...

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| T-shirts                                     | magnets            |
| mugs   | pins               |
| dolls  | gadgets            |
| <u>action figures</u>                        | <u>comic books</u> |
| keychains                                    | posters            |
| manga / Tazos / Video games / cars / jewelry |                    |



### Listen to the conversation and mark the correct alternatives.

#### Steve now thinks geeks are...

- a) ...boring and unsocial.  
✓ ...actually cool.

#### Steve would like to collect...

- a) ...action figures.  
✓ ...mugs.

#### Chloe has a hidden camera inside one of her...

- a) ...keychains.  
✓ ...action figures.

### By using what you heard, write T for true or F for false.

- (T) Geeks are more outgoing than nerds.  
(F) Nerds feel uncomfortable around other nerds.  
(F) Geeks are boring.  
(T) Geeks like to go to conventions.

### Now listen and check.

**Steve:** I'm starting to understand geeks better now.  
**Chloe:** Oh really? What changed your mind?  
**Steve:** Well, I used to think they only liked boring stuff. But action figures? Comic books? That's actually cool.  
**Chloe:** Right? And don't forget the gadgets. My cousin has a keychain that works as a hidden USB drive.  
**Steve:** No way, I need one of those.  
**Chloe:** See? You're becoming one of us.  
**Steve:** He, maybe. I'd like to collect mugs, honestly. Geeksy ones with superhero logos.  
**Chloe:** That's a good start. I collect pins and magnets from every convention I go to.  
**Steve:** You go to conventions?  
**Chloe:** All the time. Last month I got a limited-edition poster signed by a comic book artist.  
**Steve:** That's impressive. I didn't know you were so into geek culture.  
**Chloe:** There's a lot you don't know about me, Steve.  
**Steve:** Like what?  
**Chloe:** Like the fact that I have a camera hidden inside one of my action figures.  
**Steve:** You're joking.  
**Chloe:** Am I? Check my last post on Instagram.  
**Steve:** Wait — what?  
**Chloe:** Relax. I only film people when they're being nice.

A lot of people think that geeks and nerds are the same thing, but they aren't. Geeks are more outgoing. They enjoy talking to people, especially about their interests — comic books, action figures, gadgets, things like that. Nerds are a bit different socially. They can be shy. They feel more comfortable around other nerds. Geeks are not boring at all. They like to have fun and go to conventions. I used to think geeks were unsocial, but I was wrong. Live and learn, right?

### Watch the video and answer the questions.

**sleek** → smooth and modern in design (elegante, moderno)

**overheating** → getting too hot (superaquecendo)

- 1 - What is Sheldon complaining about at the beginning of the conversation?  
What video game to buy
- 2 - Why does Sheldon think the name "Xbox One" is strange?  
x-box xbox -360 x-box one
- 3 - What can Sheldon do with the Xbox One using voice commands?  
Control the entire entertainment system
- 4 - What is Amy trying to get Sheldon to do during the conversation?  
For him to pass the butter
- 5 - At the end, does Sheldon make a decision? What does Amy say instead?  
He couldn't make a decision, she asked for the butter

### Complete the questions with the words below. Then ask a classmate

behavior = comportamento  
hunt = caçar

- a) Are you emotionally <sup>apegado</sup> attached to an object?  
b) Do you think collecting things is like a treasure hunt?  
c) Is it hard to put together a collection?  
d) Are collectable items more expensive than regular items?  
e) When can collecting things become bad Behavior?

**Awesome! Go for it. I think you should give it a try. Why not? Just do it. What do you have to lose?**

What sport would your class mates like to practice? Encourage him or her to star.

Collecting objects is just one of the things geeks like to do. Mark what you think applies to geeks. ✓

- (✓) Have a lot of gadgets  
( ) Don't interact with people  
(✓) Wear ironic T-shirts  
(✓) Are experts on the subject they like  
( ) Wear glasses  
( ) Fascinated by academic subjects

Is being a geek something negative? How about being a nerd?

Prejudice = preconceito

Society tends to label people, put them in certain categories. That's when we end up having a wrong idea about a person.

What are the common stereotypes about the following groups?

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| • Surfers     | • People with tattoos      |
| • Celebrities | • People with disabilities |
| • Elite       | • Older people             |