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Have you always wanted to be the cool guy, who always seems to do the right thing? Or are you dying to be the cool girl, who flows through life with ease and grace? If you think about all the people who you think of as cool, you'll find that they have several characteristics in common: they're all [confident](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Confident), [unique](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Unique), and[on friendly terms](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Friendly) with everyone. There's no reason you can't be like that yourself.

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1. 1

**Don't care so much about what others think of you.** We will always, on some level, be concerned with others' opinions of ourselves, but realize that ultimately, you will never be able to please everyone, so why bother trying? People have millions of ways to get under your skin. Learn to spot them and become immune. Be happy and have fun.

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1. 2

**Be aware of how others will perceive you.** This might seem to contradict the previous step, but there's a difference in letting people's judgments affect your [self esteem](http://www.wikihow.com/Develop-Self-Esteem" \o "Develop Self Esteem), and being aware of how you come off to others. What you are really doing is being aware of how you look from another's perspective. In terms of physical appearance, beware of food getting stuck in your teeth, bad breath, body odor, toilet paper stuck to your shoe, etc. In terms of composure, try not to stare too much (it makes people uncomfortable), stand/sit up straight (it makes you look and feel more confident), [smile](http://www.wikihow.com/Smile) generously, [be polite and considerate](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Polite), etc. Definitely be aware of your body language at all times; analyzing body language can be a useful tool in knowing how to present yourself.

1. 3

**Present yourself in a positive way.** Walk with [good posture](http://www.wikihow.com/Improve-Your-Posture) and [look people in the eye](http://www.wikihow.com/Look-People-in-the-Eye). If you slump or stare at your feet, people won't [respect](http://www.wikihow.com/Earn-the-Respect-of-Your-Fellow-Peers-at-School) you. You have to look and [feel confident](http://www.wikihow.com/Feel-Confident) in order to receive the respect you need.

1. 4

[**Find real friends.**](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Friends) For example, if people don't hang out with you because you don't wear designer clothes, they are not real friends. Instead, find friends that see you for who you are. If the people standing in front of you can't see you for you, then how can they be your friend?

1. 5

[**Don't be afraid to be different**](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Personality-Stand-Out)**, whether that means standing up for yourself, defending someone else, or taking interest in something that no one else does, like playing an instrument.** The *coolest* people are the ones who occasionally break against the tide and make people question the status quo. Insecure people will, at times, become jealous of you. These people will try to get to you, in an attempt to take the attention off of you and bestow it upon themselves. The important thing to remember is not to smile in weakness, just ignore them. Not as if you didn't hear your protagonist, but casually and conversationally disregard their remarks.

1. 6

[**Speak up.**](http://www.wikihow.com/Speak-Up) Observe people who are "cool"--they usually speak confidently and clearly, at a good pace. They don't chatter rapidly, pause, or mumble. They say what they mean, and mean what they say. [Be confident](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Confident) in your word and don't let anyone try and change it. If you state your opinion and people disagree, don't worry. You said what you felt and people will respect you for that,**unless** you use it knowing it will offend someone. However, make it count. Don't shout out your opinion just to be heard. Make sure it's relevant, and be ready to back it up soundly.

1. 7

[**Learn how to laugh at yourself.**](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Yourself-Laugh) Being cool doesn't mean being perfect, and being able to [find humor in your moments of clumsiness and discomfort](http://www.wikihow.com/Trip-and-Fall-With-Minimal-Damage-to-Yourself-and-Your-Ego) is the defining hallmark of being cool. People will not only respect you for it, but they'll like you for being human, just like them.

1. 8

[**Write a list of all of the goals you are aiming for.**](http://www.wikihow.com/Motivate-Yourself) What essentially makes you cool is your identity. Try to find your talent -- sports, music, art, whatever. People will notice your passion and respect you for it.

1. 9

[**Take a deep breath**](http://www.wikihow.com/Do-Deep-Relaxation)**.** Being cool is all about being relaxed and comfortable in any circumstance. Don't lose your cool. If you feel yourself about to lose your temper, or burst into tears, or lose control in any way, take a deep breath and excuse yourself. [Stay calm.](http://www.wikihow.com/Calm-Down) Don't be disruptive,[annoying](http://www.wikihow.com/Not-Be-Annoying" \o "Not Be Annoying), or have unpredictable mood changes. You are serene and steadfast in your coolness and it should show. That means not getting too caught up in anything, not even your cool self.

1. 10

**Be friendly, but not excessively eager.** Everyone loves someone who is outgoing, but nobody likes someone who is overly excited. Many people find someone who is overeager to be annoying. Try not to force yourself on people. Smile and strike up a conversation, but make sure you know the line between friendly and obsessive.

1. 11

**Use appropriate language.** Don't use bad language and stick to your morals.

1. 12

**Be a good conversationalist.** Everyone loves someone who knows what to say at the right moment. Most of the time, it is much better to be sort of quiet and analyze the conversation, enjoying the humor of your friends. Then wait for the right moment to make a comment, usually to great result. However, if you come up into the middle of a quiet group of people, it is better to take a Tony Stark approach. Be playful! Joke around with them. Making fun of people is fine, but make sure that you know the limits on it and that the people you're around are the kind of people who know you're kidding.

1. 13

**Dress how you want.** As long as your personality shines through, you can wear whatever you like. Guys have been known to get girlfriends even though they wear sweats all the time. That is definitely an affirmation of coolness. Being cool despite wearing something people generally make fun of.

1. 14

**Refrain from using too many colloquialisms.** This may make you appear as "fake" or unable to grasp your respected language. Speak normally, clearly and confidently (see #6) and if you feel it is necessary adopt a more formal register and use polysyllabic words. However do not go overboard as this may make you appear pretentious, this being just as bad as seeming fake. Finding the right balance in your speech is important to making you seem intelligent and somewhat sophisticated in the presence of your peers.

1. 15

**Keep your "cool".** The very definition of cool is being calm, composed, under control, not excited, indifferent, and socially adept. Many times, cool people are those that don't get excited about things, that don't always have to talk, unless they have something cool to say. Learn how to deal with people. Don't get angry or frustrated. Being cool is natural. It's easy to do. Often times, the people who strive the hardest for coolness are sabotaging themselves by trying *too* hard. People like people that don't try, but are still successful. How does that work? One of the secrets of being cool is that, when one is just between trying and not trying at all, things just fall into place. [Be confident](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Confident).

1. 16

[**Be yourself.**](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Yourself) Don't try to be like anyone else. Live life for who **you** are. Don't lose sight of yourself or your morals. Being cool isn't about changing who you are, its about being confident enough to let people see how awesome you really are.

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* If being picked on is your worry, know and understand that **showing** yourself affected by it is precisely what separates the coolest from the others, and take this as a chance to actually be perceived as cool. Know that who you are in your core is not determined by others, especially if they don´t truly know you.[Be happy with yourself](http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Happy-Being-Yourself) as you are, since there is nothing really wrong with you in your core.
* Do something that everyone will remember. Maybe it's some hilarious antic that you perform, or maybe you win the school football game. Whatever you do, don't get yourself in trouble!
* If you're naturally shy, learn how to overcome it. It's very easy. The first step is to talk to people. At least say hello to everyone you know. The second step is to talk some more. And the third step? Keep talking. The more you chat with people, the more friends you will make. You may expect it to be hard talking to people, so just start off easy. Everyone has one good friend. Talk to your friend's friends. If your friend is a real friend, then those people will most likely be nice, too. If you're a real friend to him/her, then your friend's friends will like you, too. You'll gradually start to become popular.
* Don't just wait for someone to ask you to hang out. They're waiting for you. Invite them over. And be prepared. Don't have them come over and you can't find anything to do. It's a real turn off for your friend, and they won't want to come back again.
* Find a way to love learning. The coolest people do a lot of really cool things. There is an old system that says the more you practice the easier something is to do. When you can learn something really well it's easier to be cool at it.
* GET OUT THERE. Do stuff. Play a sport. Get in a club. Do something. The more you get out there instead of hanging around at home, the more you can socialize with people, and have fun.
* Learn to read people and be patient when sharing an opinion. Understand that whatever you say to someone or give advice, that is just your opinion. They either accept it or reject it, there's no need to force them to understand. Just make sure you know what you're talking about.
* Change your attitude--if you have a negative attitude change it. Cool people always have a positive attitude. No one likes a negative person. When people get to know you and see that you always have a positive look on things even when things are not going your way, they will enjoy your company.
* If any bad thing happens in your life, don't keep thinking about it forever. Get over it. It's not the end of the world. Sooner or later, everyone else will forget about it, too.

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* Don't try to bribe people into doing things for you, even if they accept it. Other people will think you can't take care of yourself.
* Some people are not the people that would be a good influence on you. You can "be cool" and still hang out with not the most popular group.
* Don't base your coolness on making others seem uncool. You'll make more enemies than friends that way. People aren't going to worship someone who bosses or beats them around all the time. They'll be scared maybe, but they won't respect you.
* Never use your coolness to put people down, even if everyone else is doing it. With great power comes great responsibility!
* Always stick up for people, and don't bully others, because to be cool, means to be liked by everyone, including those who are not as socially high-ranking as yourself.
* Don't try to be a stereotype. Act the way you want to and listen to the music you want to. Dress the way you want to. Being cool is being you. Find out who you are and then be true to it. That's cool.
* Do not belittle others to make yourself feel stronger.