

# Trolls can sing and dance in the Movies

But let's be clear! Internet Trolls are not cute or funny!

In Internet slang, a troll is a person who creates bad feelings on the Internet by starting quarrels or upsetting people, or by posting inflammatory, extraneous, or off-topic messages with the intent of provoking readers into an emotional outburst.



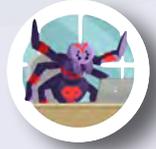
## 01. The Insult Troll

The insult troll is a pure hater, plain and simple. They will often pick on everyone and anyone - calling them names, accusing them of certain things, doing anything they can to get a negative emotional response from them. This type of trolling can be considered a serious form of cyberbullying.



## 02. The Persistent Debate Troll

This type of troll loves a good argument. They believe they're right, and everyone else is wrong. They write long posts and they're always determined to have the last word - continuing to comment until that other user gives up.



## 03. The Grammar and Spellcheck Troll

This type of trolls are people who always have to tell other users that they have misspelled words and grammar mistakes. They even use a commenter's spelling and grammar mistakes as an excuse to insult them.



## 04. The Forever Offended Troll

This type of troll is an expert at taking humorous pieces of content and turning them into an argument by playing the victim. People really do get upset by some of the strangest things said and done online.



## 05. The Show-off, Know-it-all, or Blabbermouth Troll

These trolls just love to hear their own voices. They love to have long discussions and write lots of paragraphs about whatever they know, whether anyone reads it or not.

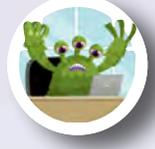
## 06. The Profanity and All-Caps Troll

This type of troll spews F-bombs and other curse words with his caps lock button on. In many cases, these types of trolls are just bored kids looking for something to do without needing to put too much thought or effort into anything.



## 07. The One Word Only Troll

There's always that one type of troll who just says "LOL" or "what" or "k" or "yes" or "no." They may not be the worst type of troll online, but when a serious or detailed topic is being discussed, their one-word replies are just a nuisance.



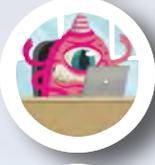
## 08. The Exaggeration Troll

These trolls greatly exaggerate all of their claims and rarely ever contribute any real value to a discussion. They bring up problems and issues that may arguably be unrelated to what's being discussed. They are closely related to the Show-off or Know-it-all troll.



## 09. The Off Topic Troll

This kind of troll posts something completely off topic in any type of social community discussion. It can be even worse when that person succeeds in shifting the topic and everyone ends up talking about whatever irrelevant thing that he posted. You see it all the time in active discussions.



## 10. The Greedy Spammer Troll

This troll could not care less about your post or discussion and is only posting to benefit himself. He wants you to check out his page, or buy from his link, or use his coupon code or download his free ebook.



## \* How to Deal with Internet Trolls \*

### 1. Ignore Them

Do not respond to trolls. They would like you to react. Don't fall in to their trap.

### 2. Report Them

Systems have administrators to maintain standards. Report the troll's behavior.

### 3. Block Them

Use the privacy controls available to you to block the troll. Use the system in peace.

# Don't Be An Internet Troll

Learn to be a Good Digital Citizen (DC)! Ask your Parents and Teachers to help you. DC Resources for all ages are available at <http://dc.gstbores.org>

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