

Character List for *THE IDIOT* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Book party is Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
 Based on <http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/idiot/characters.html>, indexed and adapted\* by William B. Moore.

SHORT NAMES	FULL NAME	NOTES #
Adelaida	Adelaida Ivanovna Yepanchin	9
Afnasy	Afnasy Ivanovitch Totsky	11
Aglaya	Aglaya Ivanovna Yepanchin	4
Alexandra	Alexandra Ivanovna Yepanchin	8
Anastassya	Anastassya Filippovna Barashkov (Nastasya)	2
Ardalyon	Ardalyon Ivolgin (General Ivolgin)	16
Barashkov	Anastassya Filippovna Barashkov (Nastasya)	2
Burdovsky	Burdovsky	21
Ferdyshchenko	Ferdyshchenko	20
Ganya	Gavrila Ardalionovitch Ivolgin (Ganya)	5
Gavrila	Gavrila Ardalionovitch Ivolgin (Ganya)	5
Hippolite	Hippolite Terentyev (17 year old consumptive)	10
Ivan	Ivan Fyodorovitch Yepanchin (General Yepanchin)	6
Ivolgin, Ardalyon	Ardalyon Ivolgin (General Ivolgin)	16
Ivolgin, Gavrila	Gavrila Ardalionovitch Ivolgin (Ganya)	5
Ivolgin, Kolya	Nikolai Ardalionovitch Ivolgin (Kolya)	19
Ivolgin, Nina	Nina Alexandrovna Ivolgin (Wife of General Ivolgin)	17
Kolya	Nikolai Ardalionovitch Ivolgin (Kolya)	19
Lebdev	Lebdev	15
Lizaveta	Lizaveta Prokofyevna Yepanchin (Wife of General, Distant Cousin of Prince Myshkin)	7
Lyov	Lyov Nikolayevitch Myshkin (Prince Myshkin)	1
Madame Terentyev	Madame Terentyev (Mother of Hippolite)	10
Myshkin	Lyov Nikolayevitch Myshkin (Prince Myshkin)	1
Nastasya	Anastassya Filippovna Barashkov (Nastasya)	2
Nikolai	Nikolai Ardalionovitch Ivolgin (Kolya)	19
Nina	Nina Alexandrovna Ivolgin (Wife of General Ivolgin)	17
Parfyon	Parfyon Semyonovitch Rogozin	3
Pavlishchev	Myshkin's late benefactor	21
Prince S.	Prince S. (fiancé of Adelaida)	13
Rogozin	Parfyon Semyonovitch Rogozin	3
Terentyev, Hippolite	Hippolite Terentyev (17 year old consumptive)	10
Terentyev, Madame	Madame Terentyev (Mother of Hippolite)	10
Totsky	Afnasy Ivanovitch Totsky	11
Yepanchin, Adelaida	Adelaida Ivanovna Yepanchin	9
Yepanchin, Aglaya	Aglaya Ivanovna Yepanchin	4
Yepanchin, Alexandra	Alexandra Ivanovna Yepanchin	8
Yepanchin, Ivan	Ivan Fyodorovitch Yepanchin (General Yepanchin)	6

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Yepanchin, Lizaveta	Lizaveta Prokofyevna Yepanchin (Wife of General, Distant Cousin of Prince Myshkin)	7

NOTES:

1. Prince Lev Nikolayevich Myshkin - The hero and protagonist of the novel. [Myshkin](#) is a descendant of an old noble line and a distant relative of [Madame Yepanchin](#). He is a fair-haired, blue-eyed epileptic in his late twenties. He comes to Russia after an absence of four years spent in a sanitarium in Switzerland. Myshkin is innocent, naïve, impractical, compassionate, and immensely kind, which leads most characters in the novel to consider him an "idiot."
2. Anastassya Filippovna Barashkov - An immensely beautiful femme-fatale in her mid-twenties whom many of the characters call "mad." [Nastassya Filippovna](#) was once a ward of Totsky.
3. Parfyon Semyonovich Rogozhin - A [dark](#)-haired, dark-eyed twenty-seven year-old who is descended from a long line of merchants. Rogozhin is madly and passionately in [love](#) with Nastassya Filippovna.
4. Aglaya Ivanovna Yepanchin - A beautiful twenty-year-old beautiful and the youngest daughter of [General Yepanchin](#) and Lizaveta Prokofyevna. [Aglaya](#) is haughty and childlike in her caprices, but also very romantic and idealistic.
5. Gavril Ardalyonovich Ivolgin - A thin, fair-haired, good-looking young man of twenty-eight. [Ganya](#) is highly vain and ambitious. Although the epitome of mediocrity, he strives for originality.
6. Ivan Fyodorovitch Yepanchin - A fifty-six year-old general. Yepanchin is a wealthy and respected member of St. Petersburg society.
7. Lizaveta Prokofyevna Yepanchin - A distant relative of Prince Myshkin and the wife of General Yepanchin. In her willfulness and eccentricity, Lizaveta is very similar to Aglaya. Her greatest anxiety in life is finding suitable husbands for her three daughters.
8. Alexandra Ivanovna Yepanchin - The oldest daughter of the Yepanchins, who is twenty-five and unmarried. Although [Alexandra](#)'s parents worry about her marriage, she feels very calm. Highly educated and well read, she has a talent for music.
9. Adelaida Ivanovna Yepanchin - The middle daughter of the Yepanchins, who is twenty-three. [Adelaida](#), like her older sister, is very cultivated and expresses a talent for painting. She is engaged to [Prince S.](#)
10. Hippolite Terentyev - A seventeen year-old consumptive. [Hippolite](#) is well aware of his approaching death and feels like an outcast of nature. Hippolite is a friend of [Kolya](#) and the son of Madame Terentyev.
11. Afanassy Ivanovich Totsky - A rich aristocrat in his middle fifties, he tries to arrange the marriage between Nastassya Filippovna and Ganya to get her off his hands.
12. Yevgeny Pavlovich Radomsky - A young and dashing suitor to Aglaya Yepanchin. Radomsky retires from the military just before he takes part in the novel's action.
13. Prince S. - The good-looking and intelligent fiancé of Adelaida Yepanchin. Prince S. is hardworking, knowledgeable, and very rich.
14. Lebedev - A rogue, drunkard, liar, and recently widowed father of a large family.
15. Ivan Petrovitch Ptitsyn - An ordinary man just under thirty who manages to collect a large fortune by being a usurer. Ptitsyn is suitor to [Varya](#) Ivolgin.
16. Ardalyon Ivolgin - Ganya's father, an ex-general. General Ivolgin has lost his circle of friends in high society due to constant drinking and lying.
17. Nina Alexandrovna Ivolgin - General Ivolgin's wife. [Nina Alexandrovna](#), a dignified woman of about fifty, is the mother of Varya, Ganya, and Kolya Ivolgin.
18. Varvara Ardalyonovna Ivolgin (later Ptitsyn) - Ganya's dignified twenty-three-year-old sister. Varya is among the characters whom the narrator considers ordinary people.
19. Nikolai Ardalyonovitch Ivolgin - Ganya's teenage brother. Kolya is a simple and good-natured boy who becomes friends with Prince Myshkin, whom he respects greatly. Kolya is also friends with Hippolite, whom he visits throughout his illness.
20. Ferdyschchenko - An ugly and insolent lodger in the Ivolgin apartment at the beginning of the novel. [Ferdyschchenko](#) strives to be original, yet most people regard him contemptuously as a drunkard and an amoral rogue.
21. Burdovsky - A young man who claims to be the son of Pavlishchev, Myshkin's late benefactor.

\* The original character list at Spark Notes gives too much of the plot away. I eliminated these elements. -- W.B.M.