

Quiz on LGBT Terms and Definitions

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LGBT, LGBTQ, LGBTQA

Asexual

Coming Out

Heterosexual

Ally

Bisexual

Gender expression

Questioning

_____ A person who is only attracted to members of the opposite sex. Also called “straight.”

_____ The process of exploring and discovering one's own sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

_____ A person who generally does not feel sexual attraction or desire to any group of people. Asexuality is not the same as celibacy.

_____ The process of acknowledging one’s sexual orientation and/or gender identity to other people. For most LGBT people this is a life-long process.

_____ A term which refers to the ways in which we show masculinity or femininity. It is usually an extension of our “gender identity,” our innate sense of being male, female, etc. Each of us expresses a particular gender every day – by the way we style our hair, select our clothing, or even the way we stand. Our appearance, speech, behavior, movement, and other factors signal that we feel – and wish to be understood – as masculine or feminine, or as a man or a woman.

_____ A person who is attracted to both people of their own gender and another gender. Also called “bi”.

_____ Typically any non-LGBT person who supports and stands up for the rights of LGBT people, though LGBT people can be allies, such as a lesbian who is an ally to a transgender person.

_____ These acronyms refer to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Asexual.

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Homophobia	Homosexual	Intersex	In the closet
Pansexual	Sexual orientation	Transsexual	Lesbian

_____ A person who experiences sexual, romantic, physical, and/or spiritual attraction for members of **all** gender identities/expressions, not just people who fit into the standard gender binary (i.e. men and women).

_____ A clinical term for people who are attracted to members of the same sex. Some people find this term offensive.

_____ A person whose gender identity is different from their biological sex, who may undergo medical treatments to change their biological sex, often times to align it with their gender identity, or they may live their lives as another sex.

_____ Describes a person who keeps their sexual orientation or gender identity a secret from some or all people.

_____ A range of negative attitudes and feelings toward homosexuality or people who are identified or perceived as being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). It can be expressed as antipathy, contempt, prejudice, aversion, or hatred.

_____ A woman who is primarily attracted to other women.

_____ A person whose sexual anatomy or chromosomes do not fit with the traditional markers of "female" and "male." For example: people born with both "female" and "male" anatomy (penis, testicles, vagina, uterus); people born with XXY chromosomes.

_____ The type of sexual, romantic, and/or physical attraction someone feels toward others. Often labeled based on the gender identity/expression of the person and who they are attracted to. Common labels: lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, etc.

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