



LGBTQIA+ TERMINOLOGY



A NON-EXHAUSTIVE GUIDE TO LGBTQIA+ TERMINOLOGY

AGENDER	A PERSON WHO DOES NOT HAVE A GENDER
ASEXUAL/ ACE	AN UMBRELLA TERM FOR THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE ZERO, VARYING, OR INFREQUENT SEXUAL ATTRACTION
AROMANTIC/ ARO	AN UMBRELLA TERM FOR THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE ZERO, VARYING, OR INFREQUENT ROMANTIC ATTRACTION
BIGENDER	SOMEONE WHO HAS TWO GENDERS
BI+	SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTION TOWARDS MORE THAN ONE GENDER, OR TOWARDS THOSE OF YOUR OWN GENDER AND OTHER GENDER(S)
CISGENDER	A PERSON WHOSE GENDER ALIGNS WITH THE SEX THEY WERE ASSIGNED AT BIRTH
DEMIGENDER	SOMEONE WHO IDENTIFIES PARTIALLY, BUT NOT WHOLLY, WITH A PARTICULAR GENDER E.G. DEMIBOY
DEMI	SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTION THAT ONLY DEVELOPS AFTER FORMING AN EMOTIONAL BOND
GAY	A MAN OR NON-BINARY PERSON WITH SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTION TOWARDS MEN (ALSO AN UMBRELLA TERM FOR ANYONE WITH ANY ATTRACTION TOWARDS THOSE OF THE SAME GENDER)
GENDER BINARY	THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO GENDERS, AND THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE EITHER MEN OR WOMEN
GENDER NON-CONFORMING	A CIS OR TRANS PERSON OF ANY GENDER, WHO DOES NOT CONFORM TO CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOUR OR EXPRESSION OF THEIR GENDER E.G. A CIS MAN WHO WEARS A DRESS
HBT	THE ACRONYM FOR HOMOPHOBIC, BIPHOBIC, AND/ OR TRANSPHOBIC
INTERSEX	A PERSON (OF ANY GENDER) BORN WITH ANY VARIATION OF SEX CHARACTERISTICS E.G. THOSE ASSIGNED MALE AT BIRTH WHO HAVE XXY CHROMOSOMES (KLINEFELTER SYNDROME)
LESBIAN	A WOMAN OR NON-BINARY PERSON WITH SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTION TOWARDS WOMEN
LGBTQIA+	LESBIAN, GAY, BI, TRANS, QUESTIONING, QUEER, INTERSEX, ASEXUAL, PAN, NON-BINARY + MORE!
NONBINARY	AN UMBRELLA TERM FOR ALL GENDERS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE GENDER BINARY OF "MAN" AND "WOMAN" (WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY; ALL OR SOME OF THE TIME)
PAN	SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTION TOWARDS OTHERS WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR GENDER
-PHOBIA	THE IRRATIONAL FEAR OR HATRED OF LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE (OR THOSE PERCEIVED TO BE LGBTQIA+) CAN BE BROAD (E.G. ANTI-LGBTQIA+ HATE) OR SPECIFIC (E.G. TRANSPHOBIA, LESBOPHOBIA, ACEPHOBIA)
PRONOUNS	WORDS WE ALL USE TO REFER TO OURSELVES, OTHERS & OBJECTS IN CONVERSATION E.G. SHE, XE, THEY, HE, WE, US, YOU, I, IT
QUEER	A RECLAIMED TERM FOR THOSE OUTSIDE "HETEROSEXUAL, HETEROROMANTIC, AND/ OR CISGENDER"
QUESTIONING	SELF EXPLORATION OF YOUR OWN GENDER OR SEXUALITY IT'S HEALTHY TO EXPLORE & QUESTION - AND IT DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN YOU'RE LGBTQIA+!
STRAIGHT	SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTION TO PEOPLE OF THE OTHER BINARY GENDER
TRANSGENDER	A PERSON WHOSE GENDER DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THE SEX THEY WERE ASSIGNED AT BIRTH E.G. A NONBINARY MAN WHO WAS ASSIGNED FEMALE AT BIRTH