

THE GENDER CONSPI RACY

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WORDS, GAMES, PUZZLES, AND MORE!

GENDER EDUCATION GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE GENDER CONSPIRACY! HERE ARE SOME WORDS, GAMES, AND PUZZLES THAT WILL HELP YOU LEARN ABOUT GENDER.

WORDS ABOUT GENDER

Gender identity: How you feel—girl, boy, both, or neither.

Gender expression: How you express who you are. This could mean what you wear, your haircut, how you like to play, or anything else that makes you feel like yourself.

Gender binary: Seeing gender as two different and opposite identities—boy or girl. This doesn't include all of the many ways that we can express gender.

Non-binary: Someone whose gender identity is not boy or girl. It can be both or something else.

Sex assigned at birth: When a baby is born, they are called a boy, a girl, or intersex based on how their body parts look.

Cisgender (or cis): When a person's gender identity matches their sex assigned at birth.

Transgender (or trans): When a person's gender identity is different from their sex assigned at birth.

Intersex: When a baby is born, they are called intersex when their body parts are in between boy and girl.



SOME SYMBOLS
THAT REPRESENT
TRANS PEOPLE:



ACTIVITY

Using the right pronouns is an important way to show that you respect another person. Circle all the pronouns that you can find. If you like, you can put a star beside the pronouns that you want to be called!

She/her

Cat/meow

Rainbow/sky

Spider/web

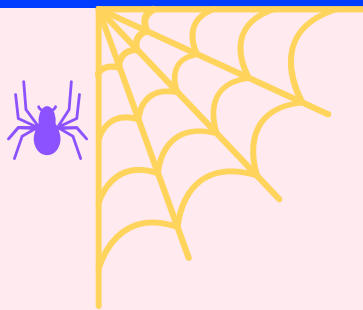
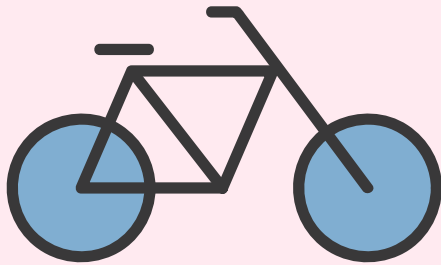
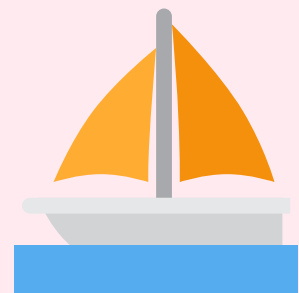
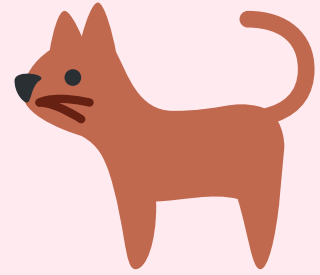
They/them

Sea/blue

He/him

Bike/wheel

Heart/red



WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT SOMEONE WANTS TO BE CALLED?

Since we can't know someone's gender identity (how they feel) from the outside (how they look), it's important not to assume. If you don't know what someone wants to be called, it's okay to ask nicely instead of guessing. You can ask someone what their *pronouns* are... Pronouns are words like she and her, he and him, or they and them.

Answer Key: She/her, They/them, and He/him.

Sexual Orientation: Who you love.



ACTIVITY



LGBTQI2S is an acronym of words about who you love, which means that each letter stands for a different word. Can you remember what they are?
Connect the letter to the word it represents!



L

Love
Lightbulb
Lesbian

G

Gay
Gray
Girl

B

Boat
Boy
Bisexual

T

Trans
Terrific
Toys

Q

Quest
Queer
Quiz

I

Intersex
Idea
Insect

2S

Two Seconds
Two Spirit
Two Shoes



Answer Key: LGBTQI2S stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, and Two Spirit..

WORDS ABOUT WHO YOU LOVE

Lesbian: A woman who loves other women.

Gay: A man who loves other men. This can also mean someone who loves people of the same gender.

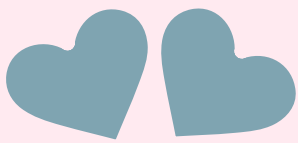
Bisexual: Someone who loves people of all genders.

Queer: People use this word as a way to identify with and celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. When used in a mean way, it is a word that hurts.

Two Spirit: A word that Indigenous people use to describe who they love, their gender identity, their spirituality, or any combination of these.

Straight: Women who only love men, or men who only love women.

SOME FLAGS THAT CAN
REPRESENT WHO YOU LOVE



WHAT DOES A GAY PERSON LOOK LIKE?

This is a trick question! You can't tell if someone is gay or straight just by the way that they look on the outside. Being gay or straight is something you know on the inside!

ACTIVITY



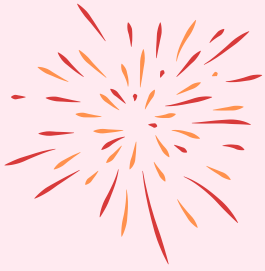
You can't tell who someone loves from the way they look or dress, but things like hair and clothes are great ways that people can express their gender identity (how they feel).

On the person below, draw or colour some of the ways that you show how you feel and what makes you, **YOU!**

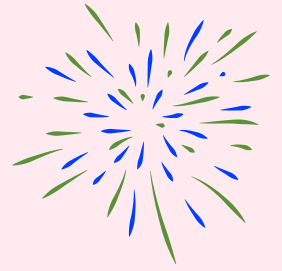
When you feel the most like you, how do you look?



THANKS FOR READING!



We hope you enjoyed learning more about gender. Pass this guide on to a friend, classmate, parent, or someone else who wants to learn too!



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