

LGBTQIA+

What do all the letters mean?



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LGBTQIA+ is used to describe people with different **genders** and **sexual orientation**.



Gender is whether you are male, female or something else. It might be different from the gender you were given when you were born.



Sexual orientation is who you are attracted to.



Each of the letters in **LGBTQIA+** stands for a different word.



This Easy Read information will tell about each word and what it means.

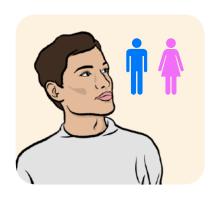
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L is for **Lesbian**, which means women who are attracted to women.



G is for **Gay**, which means men who are attracted to men. Gay can also be used to describe lesbians.



B is for **Bisexual**, which means people who are attracted to more than one gender.



T is for **Trans**, which means that the gender you were given as a baby is not the same gender that you feel yourself to be.



Q is for **Queer** or **Questioning**:



• Queer is used to describe anybody who isn't straight or heterosexual.



• **Heterosexual** means you are attracted to people who are the opposite gender as you.



 Questioning means you are still deciding how you would like to describe your gender or sexual orientation.



I is for Intersex, which means people who have both male and female parts of the body. They may be male, female or neither.



A is for **Ace**, which means you are not attracted to anyone, or if you are it happens only sometimes.



+ is for any other gender or sexual orientation that isn't on the list.