

FINDING A COMMON LANGUAGE
A Quiz of Essential Vocabulary for Working with the LGBT Community
Please match each term to its definition in the corresponding section.

Sexual Orientation Terms

1. ___ Lesbian
2. ___ Bisexual
3. ___ Gay
4. ___ Homosexual
5. ___ Queer
6. ___ Fag/Dyke/etc.
7. ___ LGBT
8. ___ Homophobia
9. ___ Biphobia
10. ___ Heterosexism
11. ___ Heterosexual Privilege

Sexual Orientation Definitions

- A. An abbreviation some people use to refer to lesbians, gay men, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning folks collectively.
- B. The belief that heterosexual relationships and people are ideal and better or more normal than queer relationships and people.
- C. A person whose sexual and romantic feelings may be for people of "either" sex.
- D. Unearned privileges that go to straight people simply because they are straight: e.g., the ability to legally marry a partner and talk publicly about crushes and intimate relationships.
- E. An inclusive term which refers collectively to lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender folks and others who may not identify with any of these categories but do identify with this term. While once used as a hurtful, oppressive term, many people have reclaimed it as an expression of power and pride.
- F. A man or boy whose primary sexual and romantic feelings are for people of the same sex. While many people use this word only to refer to men, others use it as a general term to include both men and women, e.g. "the ___ community."
- G. Terms which may be oppressive when used by people outside the community but which some people have chosen to reclaim despite their history of being used in hurtful ways.
- H. The systematic oppression of lesbians and gay men based on their sexuality.
- I. A woman or girl whose primary sexual and romantic feelings are for people of the same sex.
- J. Refers to any person whose sexual and romantic feelings are for people of the same sex. While once widely used, it is generally not preferred as it did not emerge from within the community and was used to describe a mental illness.
- K. The systematic oppression of bisexual people specifically because they are neither gay nor straight.

Gender, Intersex, & Trans Terms

- 12. ___ Sex
- 13. ___ Gender Identity
- 14. ___ Gender Role
- 15. ___ Transphobia
- 16. ___ Intersex
- 17. ___ Transsexual
- 18. ___ FtM, MtF
- 19. ___ Non-Op, Post-Op, Mid-Op, Pre-Op
- 20. ___ Cross-Dresser
- 21. ___ Drag King/Queen
- 22. ___ Transgender
- 23. ___ Gender Expression

Gender, Intersex, & Trans Terms

- L. External and socially perceived. May include one's behaviors, dress, mannerisms, speech patterns, and social interactions. How one communicates their gender.
- M. Female-to-Male, Male-to-Female
- N. Someone who wears clothes that social custom dictates belong to a different gender role. Gender identity and assignment still match.
- O. The systematic oppression of transgender people because they do not fit societal expectations of how men and women are supposed to act and look.
- P. The collection of a society's assumptions, expectations and traditions for how a person of a particular gender is supposed to act and be acted upon socially.
- Q. A medical term used to describe the physical characteristics one has such as genitalia, chromosomes, and hormones. Because usually subdivided into 'male' and 'female', this category does not recognize the existence of intersexed bodies.
- R. Having a gender identity of man/boy or woman/girl not matching their physical sex. Typically people bring their gender expression into congruence with their gender identity.
- S. One's personal view of one's own gender.
- T. Referring to transsexual people, these terms indicate people who: decided against surgeries; completed all intended surgeries, completed some intended surgeries, and have not yet had any intended surgeries.
- U. Cross-dressing for performances and not as often interested in having gender attributed on basis of clothing.
- V. An umbrella term that encompasses anyone whose identity falls outside of the binary, stereotypical gender dichotomy, such as transsexuals, cross-dressers, or drag kings/queens. Also known as gender variant, gender queer, or gender non-conforming.
- W. A category that reflects biological variation in sex.

Directions: Distribute quiz to participants, tell them how much time they have to take it, if they can work in pairs/groups, and that the definitions and terms on the front of the page match one another, while the definitions and terms on the back of the page match. When completed, review the quiz and answers with the group. Be sure to further explain terms that are confusing or that people struggled with.

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