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## What is Gender?

1. Finish each sentence with a word from the list.

| gender expression <br> gender identity | androgynous <br> spectrum |
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| feminine |  |

a) You $\qquad$ is your own sense of being a boy
b) The clothes you wear, how you do your hair and how you walk are examples of your
c) Gender isn't set in stone. A person's gender identity can change throughout their life, meaning it exists on a $\qquad$ way and girls
d) Some people believe that boys should should act in a
e) People who express themselves in a way that is not masculine or feminine can be described as
2. Draw a line between the adjective on the left and the gender that it is typically associated with.

3. A boy gets bulliealiby his classmates because he prefers to have long hair and wear tight clothing. Does the way he chooses to express himself make him less of a boy? Why or why not?
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## What is Genderqueer or Non-Binary Gender?

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After You Read

## Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

| androgynous | expression | identity | spectrum |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| attraction | feminine | masculine | stereotype |
| bisexual | gay | non-binary | transgender |
| cisgender | gender | pronouns | transitioning |
| coming out | heterosexual | queer | Two-Spirit |


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## Comprehension Quiz

Part B
2. Put a checkmark next to all the words that have to do with gender identity.

OA Cisgender
O ${ }^{\text {bay }}$
Oc Transgender
OD Gender Non-Binary
〇E Heterosexual

Personal Pronoun Nametags

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## What is Cisgender or Birth Gender?

1. Do you think the following statements are true or false? Circle the right answer.
a) Someone who is cisgender does not identify with their birth gender.

## TRUE

FALSE
b) Gender assignment is when you are given a gender at birth TRUE FALSE
c) Babies know their gender identity immediately after birth. TRUE FALSE
d) Someone who is intersex was born with body parts that aren't fully male or female. TRUE

FALSE
e) Being cisgender is considered to be 'the norm'

TRUE FALSE
2. Read the description of the people below. Use the key terms to figure out their gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation and birth gender.

| feminine | masculine <br> male | androgynous <br> female | boy <br> gender-neutral <br> gay | girl <br> straight | cisgender <br> bisexual |
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boys and girls.
Gender Expression: $\qquad$ Sexual orientation Birth Gender/Sex:
$\qquad$ Gender Identity: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) Linlee's mother was very happy to give birth to a healthy girl. Linlee never felt that she was anything other than a girl even though she dressed like a 'tomboy'. She liked to wear hats and baggy shirts and refused to wear dresses. Linlee began developing feelings for boys in grade 6 and had a crush on her friend, Domonic. She only felt attractions to boys as she got older.
Gender Expression: $\qquad$ Sexual orientation: Birth Gender/Sex: $\qquad$ Gender Identity:
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## STOP QUESTION:

 Answers will vary, but may include: It is not okay to ask a personal question about their they came out they came out as it can remind them it can remind them of a time in their lives when they didn't feel comfortable or safe as the person they were. This can sometimes bring up painful feelings from the past.1. Birth Gender: far right, Gender Identity: far left
a) TRUE
b) TRUE
c) FALSE
c) FALSE
d) TRUE
e) TRUE
2. 

a) TRANSGENDER

# b) CISGENDER 



Answers will vary, but may include: Explain to them that gender identity is a feeling. Being a transgender lonely and that the new classmate is just like everyone else in the class.

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b) Example:
Transgender people are human beings with feelings like everyone else.

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## KEY <br> 2.

A transgender boy truly feels as if he is a boy in the wrong body. A tomboy is a girl who expresses herself in a masculine way.

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## What is Cisgender or Birth Gender?

As soon as babies are born, they are given a gender by the doctor. If the baby has male body parts, then the parents are told that the baby is a boy. If the baby has female body parts, then the parents are told the baby is a girl. This is known as a person's birth gender. It is decided by their biological sex.

Key Term: Gender assignment is when the doctor tells you the baby's birth gender.

Babies are too young to have a feeling of what their gender identity is. Therefore, they are treated as the gender they were given at birth. The way they are treated is often based on beliefs of what boys and girls should be like.


## More info

Birth gender and gender identity are not the same thing! Birth gender is given at birth and gender identity is felt.

Babies often grow up and identify with their birth gender. For example, a baby is told that she is 'female' at birth. She will often grow up feeling as if she is a woman. Her birth gender is the same as her gender identity. When a person's birth gender matches their gender identity, they are known as cisgender.

## Note: Cis is pronounced as "siss"-gender.

Being cisgender is seen as 'normal'. Most people think that a baby will grow up and continue to identify with the gender they were given at birth. Sometimes this does not happen.


Cisgender Boy to Man


## What is Genderqueer or Non-Binary Gender? <br> 

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## Personal Pronoun Nametags

Hello
my name is

my pronouns are $\qquad$ my pronouns are
Hello
my name is

he, him, his


Hello
my name is


