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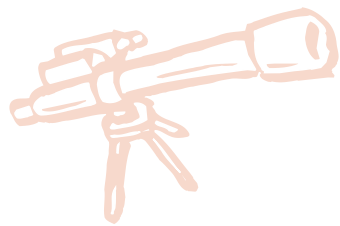
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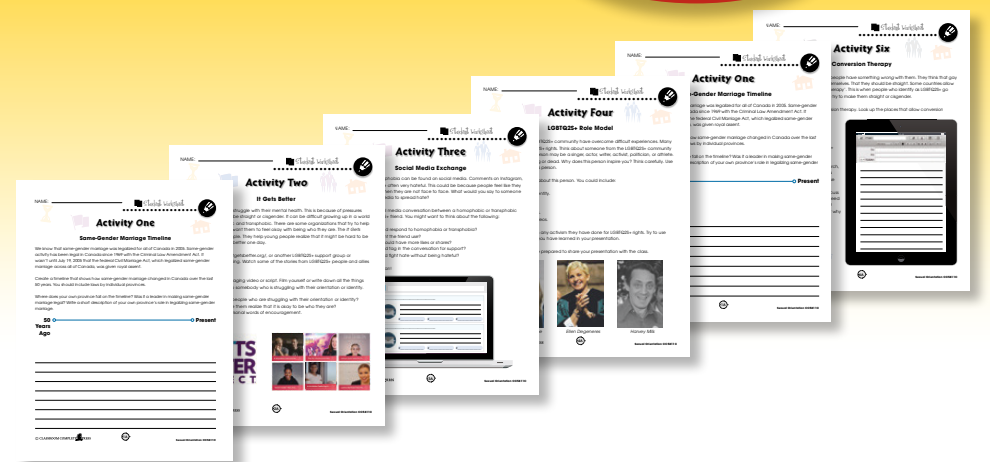
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What is Straight, Gay and Lesbian?

1. Draw a line between the words on the left with their definitions on the right.

1 Gay	A A woman who is attracted to other women.
2 Straight	B A person who is attracted to other people of the same gender.
3 Lesbian	C A person who is attracted to people of the opposite gender.

2. What is the difference between a straight person and a gay person?

3. Can a person affect another's orientation? Why or why not?



What is Straight, Gay and Lesbian?

There are certain names for different sexual orientations. The majority of people are attracted to the 'opposite' gender. This is known as being **straight** or **heterosexual**. People often assume that a person is straight until they are told otherwise.

Key Term: Assuming is when you think something is true without proof.

A person who is attracted to the same gender is known as **gay** or **homosexual**. Every day, more people are feeling safe enough to come out as gay. The reason is that the world is starting to be more accepting.

Key Term: Coming out is when you share your orientation or identity with others. Usually you only come out when you are NOT straight or cisgender.

The word 'gay' can be used for any gender. There can be gay girls and gay boys. The term **lesbian** is used only for gay girls or women. Some girls prefer to be called gay. Other girls prefer to be called a lesbian. They both mean the same thing.

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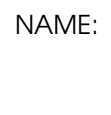
What is Straight, Gay and Lesbian?

1. Match each word with its definition.

1 straight	A When you think something is true without any proof.
2 assume	B When a person shares who they're attracted to with others.
3 lesbian	C A woman who is attracted to other women.
4 coming out	D A person who is attracted to people that are the same gender as them.
5 gay	E A person who is attracted to people of the other gender.

2. Why don't straight people need to 'come out'?

3. Why is it unfair to assume that others are straight?



What is Straight, Gay and Lesbian?

4. Why is it wrong to use the word 'gay' as an insult?

5. Why do you think there are still many countries in the world that do not allow same-gender marriage?

6. How do you think schools could be more supportive of LGBTQ2S+ students?

Graphic Organizer

7. Use the graphic organizer on page 12 to map out the countries that support same-gender marriage.

Many countries still do not allow marriage between two people of the same gender. This could be for many reasons. Some have religious reasons. Some do not understand homosexuality. Some have very strict and controlling governments.

Research same-gender marriage all over the world. Use the map of the world on page 24. Colour in the countries based on their laws. Use green for countries that allow same-gender marriage. Use yellow for countries that have no laws. Use red for countries that do not allow same-gender marriage.

LGBTQ2S+ Pride Report

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Create a report about the organization. Be prepared to present your research to the class!



Crossword Puzzle!

Across

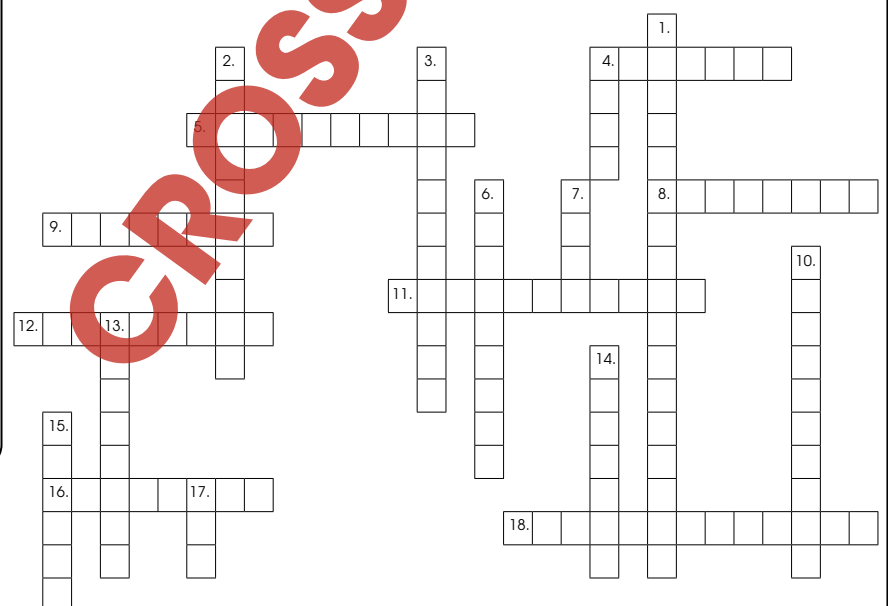
4. A person who has little or no sexual attractions to others.
5. An intense fear or dislike of gay people.
8. An acronym that describes people who are not straight or cisgender.
9. Many countries do not allow same-gender _____.
11. An intense fear or dislike of transgender people.
12. Someone who is attracted to people of all gender identities.
16. A synonym for heterosexual.
18. Someone who is attracted to members of the opposite gender.

Down

1. What gender or genders a person is attracted to.
2. Characteristics you are born with are _____.
3. People might celebrate the LGBTQ2S+ community at a _____.
4. Someone who supports the LGBTQ2S+ community. Someone who stands up against transphobia, biphobia or homophobia.
6. The name of the riots that started the gay rights movement.
7. Something that is thought to be true but isn't.
10. Someone who is attracted to members of the same gender.
13. A scale with opposite views or identities on either end.
14. LGBTQ2S+ history month is in _____.
15. When you think something is true without any proof.
17. A synonym for homosexual.

Word List

- ally
- asexual
- assume
- biological
- gay
- heterosexual
- homophobia
- homosexual
- LGBTQ2S+
- marriage
- myth
- October
- pansexual
- pride parade
- sexual orientation spectrum
- Stonewall
- straight
- transphobia



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

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1. Circle **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| a) Everyone has a sexual orientation. | TRUE | FALSE |
| b) Your gender decides who you are attracted to. | TRUE | FALSE |
| c) Straight people often 'come out'. | TRUE | FALSE |
| d) Pansexuals are attracted to people of any gender identity. | TRUE | FALSE |
| e) It is only homophobia if someone is physically hurt. | TRUE | FALSE |
| f) Stonewall sparked a bigger movement for LGBTQ2S+ rights. | TRUE | FALSE |
| g) Homosexuality has been around since the 1960s. | TRUE | FALSE |
| h) National Coming Out Day is October 11th. | TRUE | FALSE |

Part B

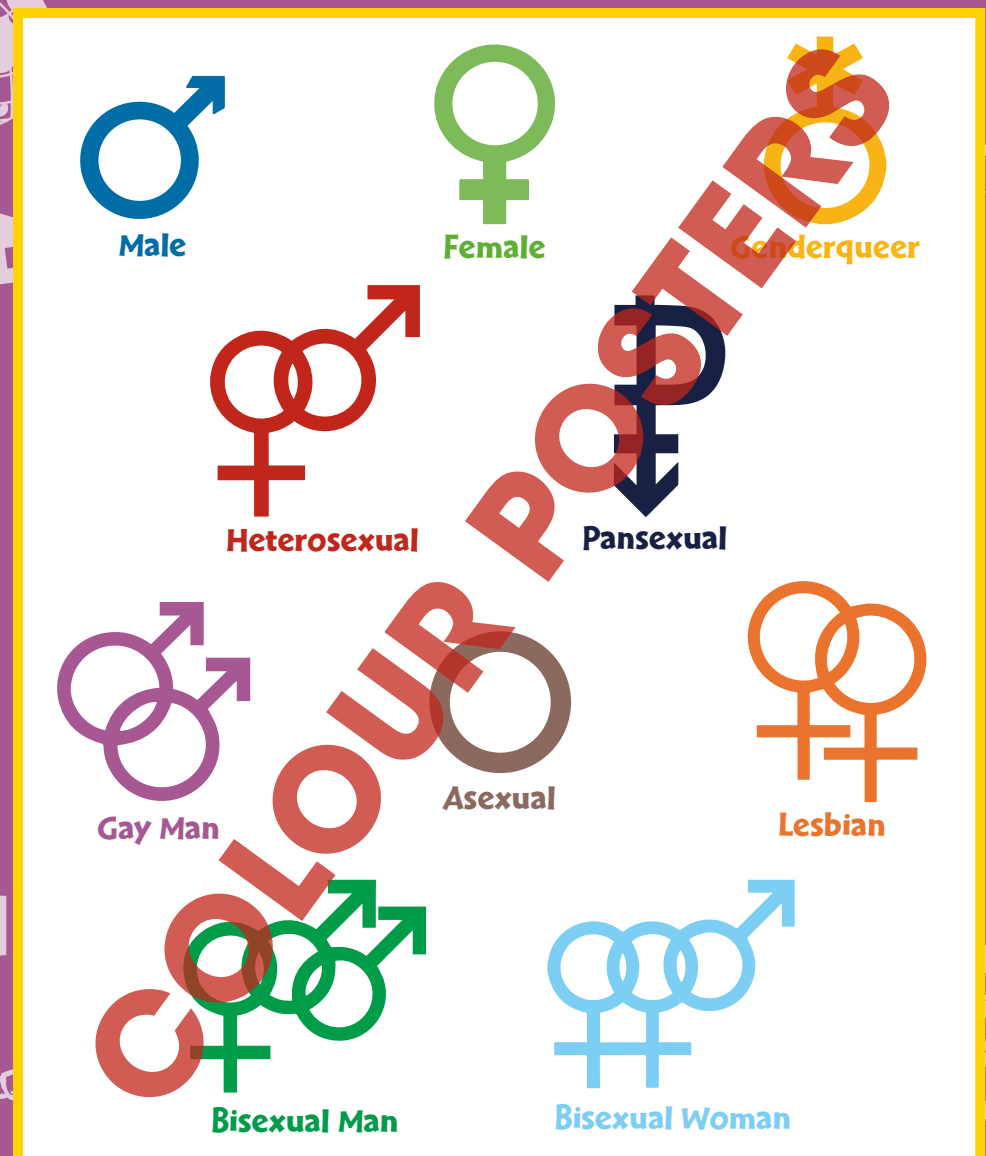
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2. Put a checkmark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a) What is sexual orientation? | b) What do many people assume? |
| <input type="radio"/> A It is a personal feeling. | <input type="radio"/> A A person is straight until they are told differently. |
| <input type="radio"/> B It is a feeling you have about others. | <input type="radio"/> B A person is gay until they are told differently. |
| <input type="radio"/> C It is not decided by your gender. | <input type="radio"/> C Everybody is straight until puberty. |
| <input type="radio"/> D All of the above. | <input type="radio"/> D Everybody is pansexual until puberty. |
| c) When is LGBTQ2S+ History Month? | d) In what year was same-gender marriage legalized in Canada? |
| <input type="radio"/> A November | <input type="radio"/> A 1985 |
| <input type="radio"/> B February | <input type="radio"/> B 1995 |
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Relationships in Gender Symbols





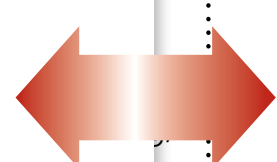
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- 1 E
- 2 A
- 3 C
- 4 B
- 5 D

- 4. Using 'gay' as an insult means that you think being gay is a bad thing. This is an insult to gay people.
- 5. Because they do not understand that being gay is a natural thing that a person cannot change about themselves. They may see it as a bad or unnatural thing.
- 6. Answers will vary.



2. Why don't straight people need to 'come out'?

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3. Why is it unfair to assume that others are straight?

2. Because most people assume that a person is straight until they come out.

3. Because there are many people who are not straight in the world. It may be insulting to non-straight people.

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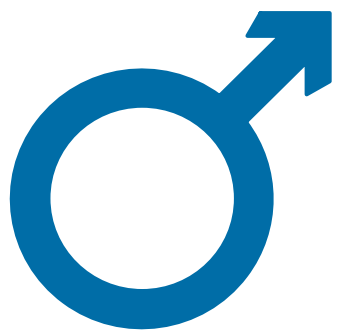
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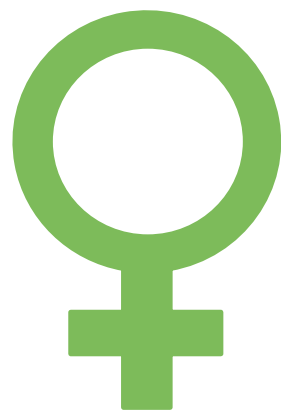
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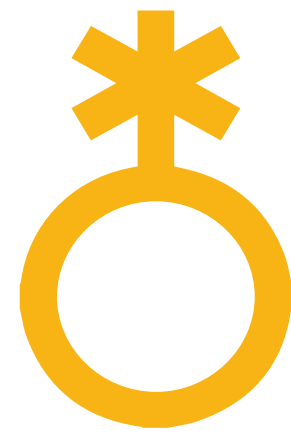
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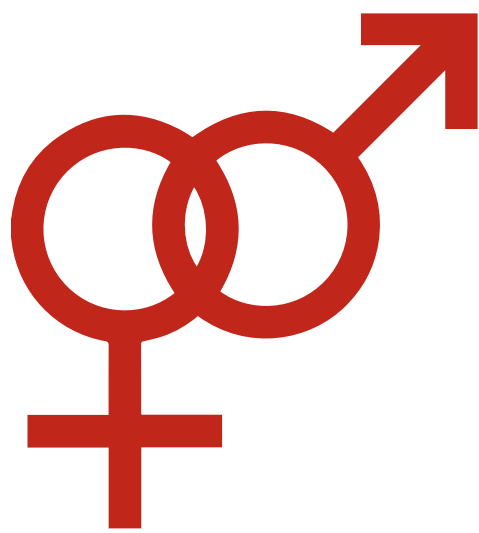
Male



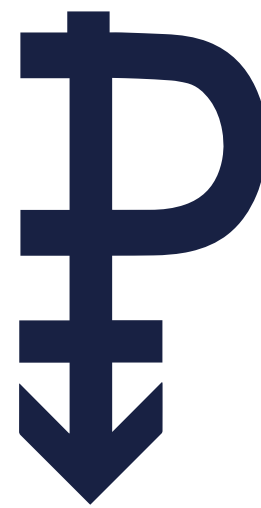
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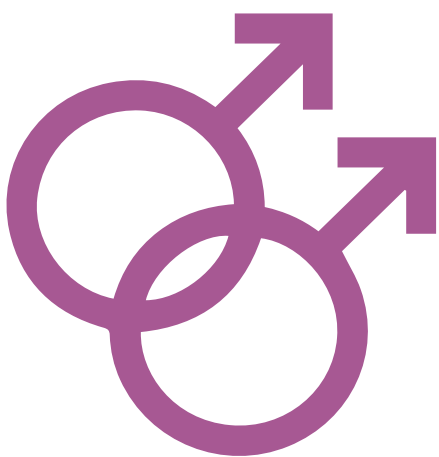
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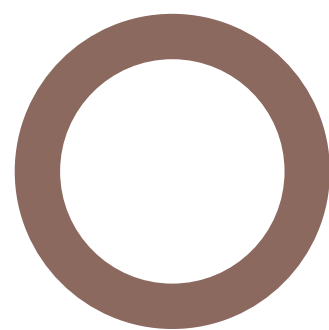
Heterosexual



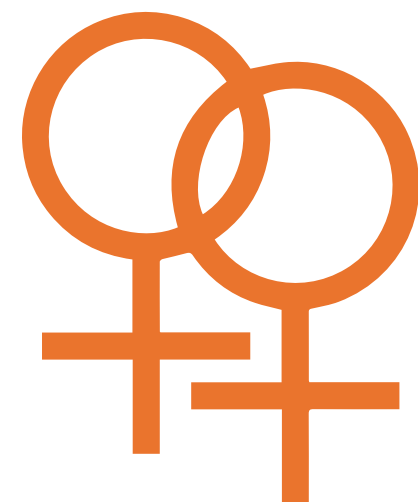
Pansexual



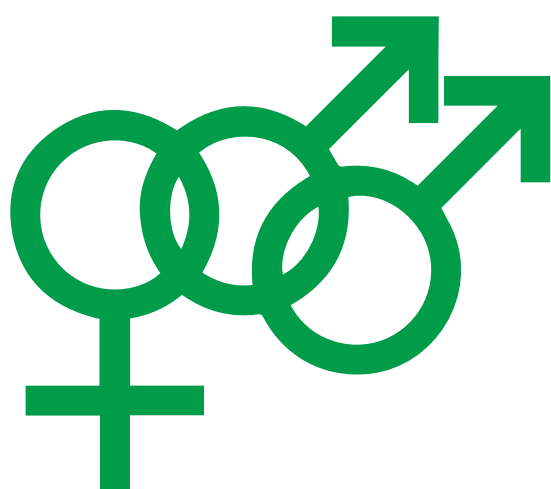
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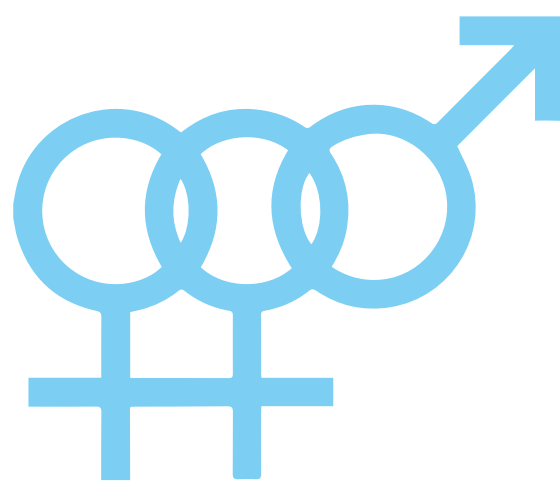
Asexual



Lesbian



Bisexual Man



Bisexual Woman