

## LGBTQIA+

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



**Gender** is whether you are male, female or use a different word. 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.

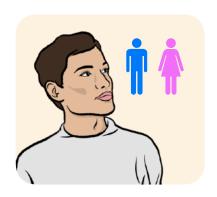
#### What do the letters mean?



**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.