

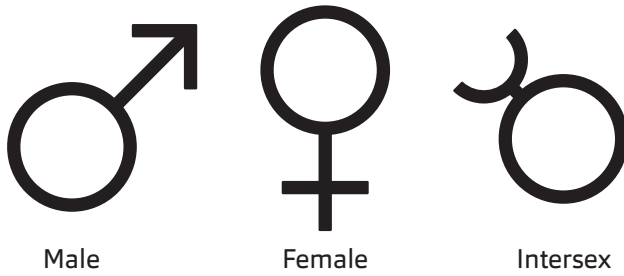


*According to the World Health Organization gender refers to the socially constructed characteristics of women and men – such as norms, roles and relationships of and between groups of women and men. It varies from society to society and can be changed.

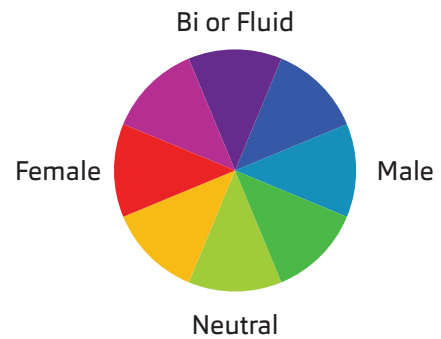
It's not so simple,
but it sure is colorful...

Sex assigned
at birth

Sex assigned at birth is a limited way of thinking about gender. It only considers private body parts known as genitals.

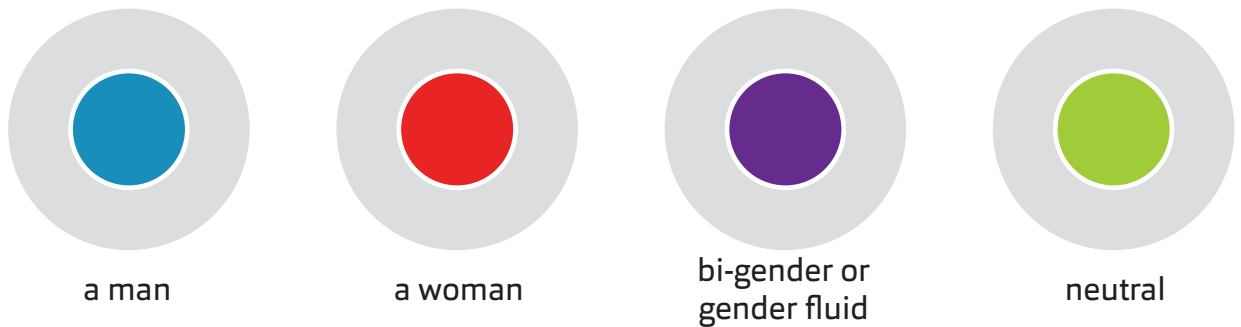


Genitals may or may not influence how people experience gender.



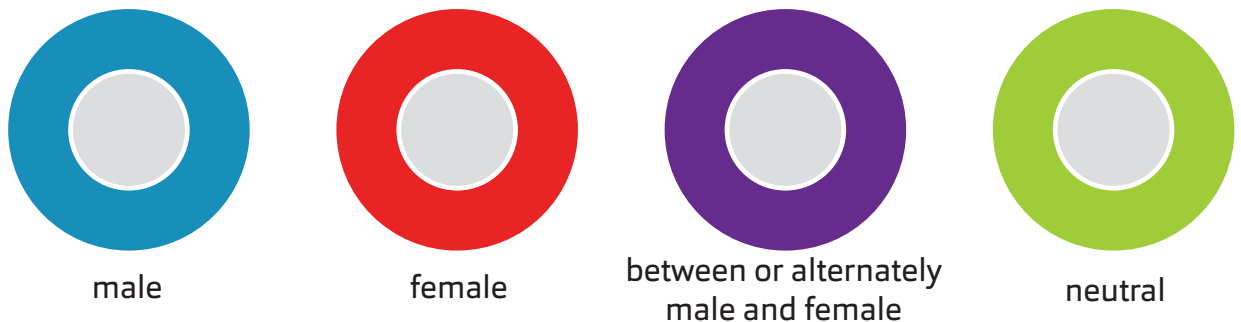
Whatever your sex assigned at birth, **you may be...**

Gender
Identity



Which might be different from how you express yourself to others. However you identify, **you might express yourself as...**

Gender
Expression



Who are you attracted to?

Regardless of your sexual identity and expression, you may be sexually and emotionally attracted to men, women, a combination, or no one.

Sexual attraction



sexually attracted to men



sexually attracted to women



sexually attracted to intersex



not sexually attracted to anyone

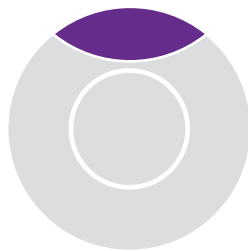
Emotional attraction



emotionally attracted to men



emotionally attracted to women



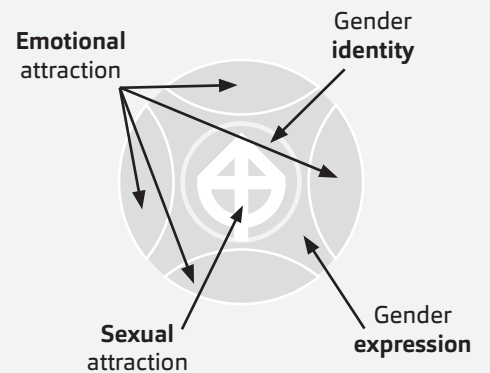
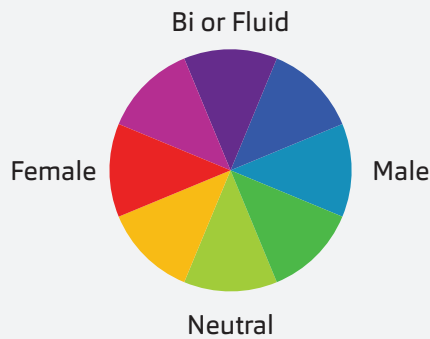
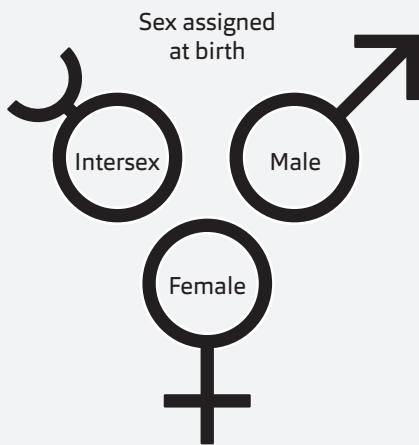
emotionally attracted to those both, between, or alternating



emotionally attracted to those who are neutral



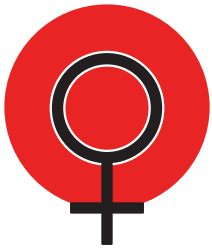
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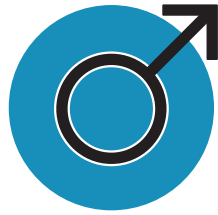
Sex assigned at birth, gender identity, and gender expression can all influence attraction. There are many possibilities because we are all unique.



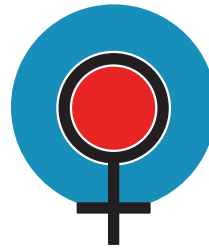
Gender Identity & Expression Examples



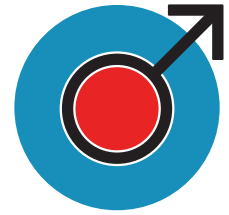
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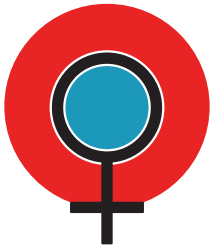
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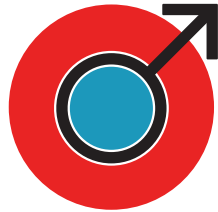
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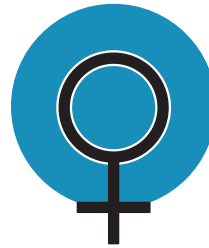
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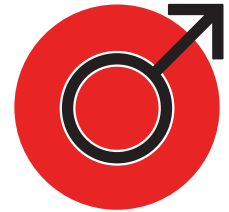
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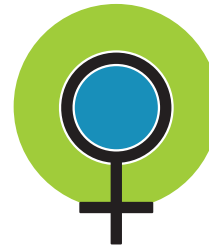


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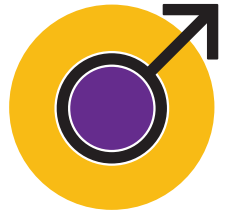
Gender is much more than just being male or female. Here are some examples:



Someone born intersex might identify as somewhat female and express themselves as somewhat male.



Someone born female might identify as male and express themselves neutrally.



Someone born male might identify as both male and female and express themselves as somewhat female.

Sexual & Emotional Attraction Examples



You might be emotionally attracted to men and gender-fluid people, but sexually attracted to only men.



You might be emotionally and sexually attracted to only women.

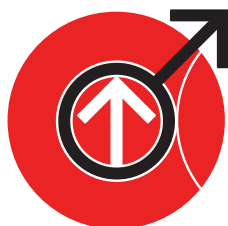


You might have no interest in emotional connections and be sexually attracted to anyone.

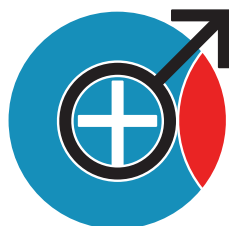


You might feel emotionally attracted to anyone and be sexually attracted to no one.

Gender Identity & Expression with Sexual & Emotional Attraction Stories



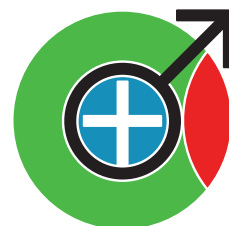
Most of my friends say you'd never know I was born male. I am a girl through and through, and I'm only sexually interested in men, but I have girlfriends who I am very close to and love like sisters.



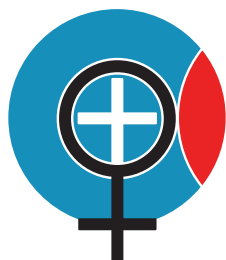
I was born male and I like women. I am a man all the way, baby! I don't mean to say I'm better than others. Live and let live, right?



I'm not bi, but I'm sort of in between. I like men's clothes and I'm only sexually interested in men, but I can connect emotionally with anyone.



By day, I am an accountant. I have a wife and that's all the attraction I need. At night I am a member of a disco funk glam band—we wear bell bottoms and rainbow afros. It's a blast!



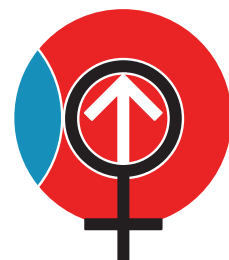
I'm a dyke and proud of it. I don't hate men, I'm just not attracted to them in any way. My wife and I have a great relationship and both of us have other close (non-sexual) girlfriends.



I feel a little like a female, but really, I just feel like a human being, like gender isn't important. I'm not into sex, but I love to connect with people.



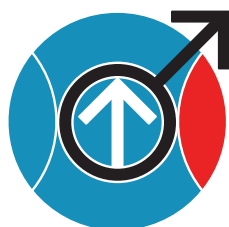
I have male and female genitals. When I was born doctors thought I was male, but I've always felt like a girl. Now I can be the woman I am. I'm attracted to all kinds of people.



I'm a pretty traditional girl. I'm only attracted to men. I have both male and female friends, but I wouldn't say I'm "emotionally attracted" to them.



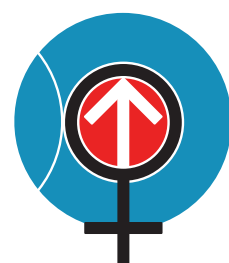
I'm more of a guy, but like to dress more like a woman. I'm attracted to both men and women. Gay, straight, bi—whatever.



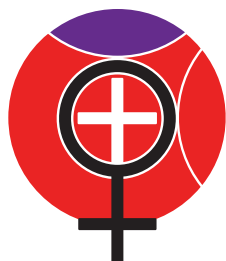
I have girlfriends, but I'm not sexually attracted to them. I'm physically attracted to a couple guys in class. I think I'm gay, but I haven't told anyone yet.



I'm interested in all kinds of people sexually, but I'm not an emotional person so I'm not attracted to people that way.



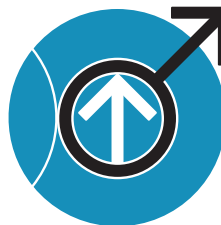
Everyone thinks I'm a lesbian. I look like a man because their clothes fit me better and I think short hair is more practical. But I'm married to a man I love—both emotionally and sexually.



My girlfriend and I both look like hetero women, so when we go out men always hit on us, but we're so not interested in them! My best friend is fluid. I love them, but not sexually.



I'm bi. I'm attracted to both men and women, emotionally and sexually. I guess I look like a woman, but I try to not look like either.



I'm a guy and I definitely dress and look like a guy. I also like other guys.



They call me "emo" or "goth" (I wear black a lot). Sometimes I'm a man, sometimes a woman. I'm interested in all kinds of people, but sexually attracted more to men than women.

These stories represent just some of the thousands of possible combinations. And in reality, there are no sharp divisions so combinations are infinite!

When it comes to gender, there's nothing binary about it!

With some markers, you can create your own

