

About Gender ...

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Name, pronouns, gender

False quote belongs to

1 / Sophia

Which quote doesn't belong to the speaker?

Just call me by my name: Sophia.

My least favourite thing is when people say: "Thank you, sir."

I don't want to look or be cis.



Dalhe nonbinary / genderqueer they/them

I have both qualities of feminine and masculine and I won't fit into either, but I will also identify as both.

I'm aware that I look pretty cis passing.

It stings a bit, when people misgender me.



Being cis gender is like identifying with biological sex. [He means sex that was assigned to you at birth.]

First I learned the term "trans". I thought I was a trans woman. But when I learned the term "nonbinary", I felt it fit better. Now, I don't want any label.

There are so many terminologies that are constantly evolving and being reclaimed. So be adaptable, be willing to learn.



I don't encounter being misgendered very often at all.

I already came out to my parents at five, [saying] that I was trans and then they're like, "No, you're gay."

I came out again at ten. I have always known that I was female but no one gave me a proper label of what it is.



It is still hard for people to comprehend that some people live without gender being a part of their lives.

Being guessed right is validating.

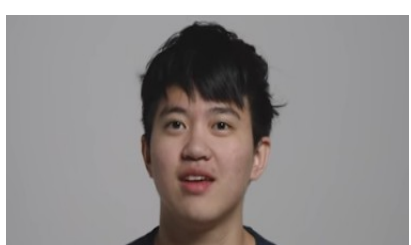
One important thing about gender is that how people identify is completely different from [...] who people are attracted to.



Gender is like an outfit I put on, but I'm most comfortable at home, just lounging, so to speak.

Being pegged as [...] "not a woman" is kind of fun and exciting for me. That's not something I get to feel a lot.

To be asked what surgery I had done was really intrusive. There are trans people who haven't had surgery or don't want surgery. So it doesn't really say anything.



I'm a little bit worried, because unfortunately, we still live in a world where you can be attacked for being trans.

I try to act independently of the norm set up for men and women.

I still have a long way to go in unpacking internalized transphobia. [...] I'm proud to be trans but sometimes I wish I didn't feel dysphoria.

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1. Discuss the following questions with your neighbour ...

- Do you look at gender as a binary system with people being male or female?
 - What do you know about other genders?
- Have you come across terms for genders that you can explain or terms that you're not sure about?

2. Watch the video of people explaining their gender identity.

Write down terms that you want to clarify.

3. Use the vocabulary list to look up terms.

Add other terms if you looked up more.

4. Read the quotes on the worksheet.

From memory or by guessing:
Which one of the three quotes doesn't belong to the person in the same line?
Which person might it belong to instead?
Fill in as much of the worksheet as you can with a pencil.

5. Watch the video again and edit your entries.

Which quote actually belongs to whom? Who prefers which pronouns?

6. Discuss the atmosphere in your classroom while watching the video.

What was the atmosphere like in your class when you watched the video?
Was there a lot of laughter and were there insulting comments?
How would the people in the video have felt if they had watched it with you today?
Why? What can you learn from that? Would you feel safe in your class to express your gender?

7. To yourself

Which gender concepts would you like to learn more about?
Have you ever wondered whether the gender assigned to you at birth feels right to you?
Do you know who to talk to, if you feel alone with gender questions?
Is there an LGBT club at your school or in a city nearby? Why? Why not?