Easy Read Edition

Proud and Supported: Definitions and Beyond

Part 7: Presentation
Words to Know in Part 7
Gender

How you feel and see yourself and what you call yourself. For example, “man,” “woman,” “non-binary,” and “genderqueer” are all genders.

Gender non-conforming

When your presentation doesn’t match your gender.
LGBTQ+

An acronym that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and more.

Presentation

The decisions you make about how you look.
Sexuality

Who you are attracted to. Some people are attracted to men. Some people are attracted to women. Some people are attracted to non-binary people. Some people are attracted to more than one gender.

Transgender

Someone whose gender is not the same as the sex they were assigned at birth. A transgender woman is a woman who was assigned male at birth.
**Presentation**

*Presentation* is the decisions you make about how you look.

People can use presentation to show their gender or sexuality.

Presentation is also sometimes called *gender expression*.

There are lots of different ways to present.
Presentation involves:

- What clothes you wear.
- What accessories, like jewelry or hats, you wear.
- How you style your hair.
- What makeup you wear.
Sometimes people say only certain people can wear some kinds of clothes.

For example, they say that only women can wear dresses.

Or they say that only women and gay men can wear makeup.

That is not true.

Anyone can wear any kind of clothes.
Anyone can wear any kind of accessories, like shoes or makeup.

Anyone can wear dresses, even cisgender straight men.

You don’t have to be LGBTQ+ to wear certain clothes.
For example

• Lu is a gay trans man.

He was assigned female at birth.

But he lives his life as a man.

Lu likes wearing dresses.
• Brandon is a cisgender straight man.

He has a girlfriend, Sue.

Brandon likes to wear makeup, like eye shadow and lipstick.
• Emmy is a lesbian.

She has short hair.

She wears clothes from the men’s section of the store.

Emmy is still a woman.
Someone’s presentation might be different from their gender.

Think about the examples we talked about above.

Lu, Brandon, and Emmy all present in ways that don’t match their gender.

They are all **gender non-conforming**.

When you are gender non-conforming, your presentation doesn’t match your gender.
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