

LGBTQ+ Canadians

Talking to Everyone in Canada

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Introduce yourself:

“Hello everyone, my name is _____. My pronouns are _____/_____/_____, and my favourite animal is a _____.”

2. Think about:

1 thing people **can** see about you: _____

1 thing people **can't** see about you: _____

3. How do you feel?

I feel _____, because _____

4. What are some rules your culture has?

5. What are some rules Canadian culture has?

6. What happens when you break the rules? Discuss with a partner.

7. Facts in Canada:

1. Many people have _____ than you think they do.
2. Many people have _____ than you think they do.
3. Anyone can get _____ in Canada (any _____, _____, any _____)
4. Many people change their _____ or their _____, in their lifetime.

8. Copy the words for different partners and genders.
Remember: in Canada, it is not polite to talk about people's bodies.

Partners



Genders



Bodies



GENDER VOCABULARY EXERCISE

trans (adjective) means “across”

transgender or trans woman:

a _____ that doctors thought was a _____ at birth.

When Sophie was born, the doctors thought she was a _____.

She is a 24 year old _____. Her pronouns are ____/____/_____.

transgender or trans man:

a _____ that doctors thought was a _____ at birth.

When Alex was born, the doctor thought he was a _____.

He is a 30 year old man. His pronouns are ____/____/_____.

cis (adjective) means “the same side”

cisgender, or cis woman:

a _____ that doctors thought was a _____ at birth.

When Catherine was born, the doctors thought she was a _____.

She is a 27 year old woman. Her pronouns are ____/____/_____.

cisgender, or cis man:

a _____ that doctors thought was a _____ at birth.

When Ethan was born, the doctor thought he was a _____.

He is a 30 year old _____. His pronouns are ____/____/_____.

non- (prefix): “not”

binary (adj.): “only two kinds”

non-binary (adj.): “not only two kinds”

non-binary person: not a _____ and not a _____.

Example: When Sunni was born, the doctor thought they were a boy.

Sunni is a 41 year old _____.

Their pronouns are ____/____/_____.

Non-binary and trans people are all over the _____, in many different countries, _____, and traditions.

Discrimination

Discrimination is _____ of someone because of their _____, religion, _____, culture, _____, who they _____, language, or _____.

Discrimination is _____ in Canada.

Who is Protected?

*Everyone in Canada is **legally protected** against these forms of personal discrimination:*

1. Race or Culture

Every person of different _____ and _____ should be _____.

2. Religion

Every person is _____ to practice their _____.

3. Ability

Every person should be treated _____ if they have different abilities (disabilities).

4. Family & Relationships

Every person is allowed to marry any _____, have relationships with any _____, and have a family with children.

5. Language

Every person can _____ their own _____ without discrimination.

6. Gender

Every person's gender should be respected as equal. This includes _____, _____, and _____ people.

Families & Relationships

VOCABULARY

Lesbian	Lesbian women are _____ who love women. Non-binary people can also be lesbian.
Gay	Gay men are men who love _____. Gay women is the same as _____ women. Non-binary people can also be _____.
Bisexual	People who love the _____ gender as them, plus one or _____ genders.
Transgender (trans)	Transgender people have _____ genders than doctors thought at birth. Some _____ people change their bodies, and some don't.
Queer	Queer is a word some people use to mean "not heterosexual". Some people don't like it, because it was a slur in history.
heterosexual/ straight	Women who love _____, or men who love _____.

gender words

cis
trans
non-binary
man
woman
person

relationship words

single
partner
spouse
boyfriend/girlfriend
husband/wife
lesbian
gay
bisexual
queer
heterosexual/straight

Reading Practice

Circle the “gender” words. **Underline** the “relationship” words.

1. Amani & Rina

Amani is an artist. She lives in Calgary with her girlfriend, Rina. Amani is a lesbian trans woman. Her pronouns are she/her/hers.

Rina is also a lesbian trans woman. Her pronouns are she/her/hers. She is a car mechanic.

Amani and Rina like to have fun with their friends, ride bicycles, and read together.

2. Sunesh & Alex

Sunesh is a writer. He lives in Winnipeg with his partner, Alex. They have one dog named Frankie. Sunesh is a gay trans man. His pronouns are he/him/his.

Alex is a gay cis man. His pronouns are he/him/his. He is a store manager.

Sunesh and Alex like to go to the beach, skateboard, and go to nice restaurants.

3. Kasim

Kasim is an accountant in Toronto. He broke up with his boyfriend last year. He is single. He has a dog named Noodle.

Kasim is a cis bisexual man. His pronouns are he/him/his. He likes to play video games, run, and make dinner for his friends.

4. May & Hana

May is an English teacher. She lives in Vancouver with her spouse, **Hana**. They have one cat named Boo.

May is a queer cis woman. Her pronouns are she/her/hers.

Hana is a queer non-binary person. Hana's pronouns are they/them/theirs. They are a counsellor.

May and Hana like camping, dancing, and cooking.

5. Kamal & Ravina

Kamal is a bank teller. He lives in Regina with his wife, **Ravina**. They have two small dogs named Banana and Ted. Kamal is a straight trans man. His pronouns are he/him/his.

Ravina is a straight cis woman. Ravina's pronouns are she/her/hers. She is a florist.

Kamal and Ravina like running marathons and watching funny TV.

Leah is a dancer. She lives in Halifax with her wife, **Wei**. They have two kids, Sol and Ruth. Leah is a bisexual trans woman. Her pronouns are she/her/hers.

Wei is a lesbian cis woman. Her pronouns are she/her/hers. She is a high school teacher.

Leah and Wei like to go to the park with their kids, watch movies, and play board games.

Now, write your own introduction:

I am a _____.

I live in _____ with _____
_____.

I like to _____, _____,
and _____.

Bonus

1. What surprised you today?

2. What are some new words you learned today?

3. What is similar between Canada and your country of origin?

4. What is different between Canada and your country of origin?
