

What Does LGBTQ+ Mean?

LGBTQ+ is an initialism that means:

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Transgender

Queer or

Questioning

People often use LGBTQ+ to mean all of the communities included in the “LGBTQQIAA”:

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Transgender

Transsexual

2/Two-Spirit

Queer

Questioning

Intersex

Asexual

Ally

+ **P**ansexual

+ **A**gender

+ **G**ender **Q**ueer

+ **B**igender

+ **G**ender **V**ariant

+ **P**angender

LGBTQ is the more commonly used term in the community; possibly because it is more user friendly! You may also hear the terms “Queer Community” or “Rainbow Community” used to describe LGBTQ2+ people. This initialism and the various terms are always evolving so don’t try to memorize the list. The most important thing is to be respectful and use the terms that people prefer.