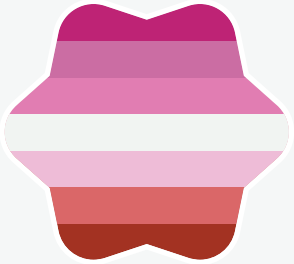


# LESBIAN

SEXUALITY | PART OF THE GAYTHER PRIDE IN SERIES



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(pronounced - **lez-bee-uhn** | **'lezbrɪən**)

A lesbian can be defined as someone who is female, within the spectrum or as non-binary; however, they will typically be assigned female at birth. Lesbians are physically, emotionally and/or sexually attracted to individuals from the same gender/sex (female-female). The term lesbian is derived from the name of the island of Lesbos, which was home to the ancient Greek poet Sappho whose works focused on the beauty of women and her love for them. The medical term relating to lesbians is a homosexual female.

## SUMMARY

- Women experiencing sexual attraction or desire for the same sex or gender (female-female)
- The clinical or medical term is homosexual female.
- Lesbian originates from the island of Lesbos, the birthplace of the Greek poet Sappho.



## OTHER ASSOCIATED SEXUAL IDENTIFIERS

- Same-Gender Loving - see *same-gender-loving*



GENDER IDENTITY



SEXUAL IDENTIFIER

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://gayther.lgbt/sexuality/lesbian/>

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# Name in other languages

learn the literal translations of the name in twelve of the most popular languages

 <b>ENGLISH</b> lesbian	 <b>HEBREW</b> תיבסל
 <b>SPANISH</b> lesbiana	 <b>HINDI</b> समलैंगिक
 <b>FRENCH</b> lesbienne	 <b>DUTCH</b> lesbienne
 <b>GERMAN</b> lesben	 <b>PORTUGUESE</b> lésbicas
 <b>MANDARIN</b> 女同性恋 [nǚ tóngxìngliàn]	 <b>RUSSIAN</b> лесбиянка [lesbiyanka]
 <b>ARABIC</b> هي لثم [mithlayh]	 <b>JAPANESE</b> レズビアン

## TAKE PRIDE

Acceptance and coming to terms with how a person chooses to identify or love, especially in accepting it themselves, is often challenging. Self-discovery is typically one of the most significant steps a person from the LGBTQIA+ community can take. The acceptance process can be complex and made worse when we can not associate, connect or identify with others similar to ourselves. Failing to find a positive representative can make a person feel disconnected, isolated and alone.



The pride in series is about educating and sharing information about various identities, sexualities and special groups. It is a platform that showcases and highlights the exceptional groups of individuals that make up the global community and hopefully helps people feel pride. Learning more about people similar to yourself not only helps debunk misinformation but can also help change perceptions and, ultimately, help people take pride in their community or communities, whatever they might be.

You should never feel or be told that being different is wrong. It does not matter if you are straight, gay, or any of the other no-traditional sexual or gender identities. You are you, especially when it is your identity and something you cannot change.

take pride in you

# SUMMARY

A person who is attracted to individuals from the same sex (female-female)



*"I became a lesbian because of women because women are beautiful, strong, and compassionate"*

RITA MAE BROWN

# INTERESTING STATISTICS

- Without an official census, conservative estimates predict that under 2% of women around the world identify as Lesbian; however, some estimates are as high as 10%. Statistically, women are more likely to be open about identifying as LGBTQIA+ than men
- The term "lesbian" is derived from the name of the Greek island, Lesbos. The island was the birthplace of the Greek female poet, Sappho, who, within her poetry proclaimed her love for women. While the term Lesbian refers only to female homosexuality, the term 'gay' can refer to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community
- Lavender rhinoceroses are used as a symbol for the Lesbian community. A rhino was used because they are typically docile but become ferocious when provoked
- Despite the stigmatism and potential persecution, Lesbians serving in the armed forces thrived during World War II, with many meeting other Lesbians and even falling in love. In Germany, the Nazis persecuted members of the LGBT community under morality laws. Within concentration camps, gay men would be made to wear a pink triangle, whereas Lesbians were required to wear a black triangle



**AWARENESS PERIOD**

## INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN DAY

8 October (International Lesbian Day) / 28 June (Stonewall Riots Anniversary) / 17 May (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia)



**KEY GROUPS**

## THE INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSEXUAL AND INTERSEX ASSOCIATION (ILGA)

<https://ilga.org/>



# PRIDE IN SERIES



## ALLY

盟友 [méngyǒu] (mandarin) | मित्र (hindi) | فيلح [halif] (arabic) | aliado (spanish) | allié (french) | verbündete (german) | aliado (portuguese) | союзник [soyuznik] (russian)

## QUESTIONING

质疑 (mandarin) | प्रश्न करना (hindi) | باوجتسا (arabic) | cuestionando (spanish) | interrogatoire (french) | befragung (german) | questionando (portuguese) | опрос (russian)

## CARE

关心 [guānxīn] (mandarin) | देखभाल (hindi) | رعايا [rieaya] (arabic) | cuidado (spanish) | le soucier (french) | pflege (german) | cuidado (portuguese) | забота [zabota] (russian)

## REFUGEE

难民 [nànmín] (mandarin) | शरणार्थी (hindi) | لاجئ [laji] (arabic) | refugiado (spanish) | réfugié (french) | flüchtling (german) | refugiado (portuguese) | беженец [bezhenets] (russian)

## PRIDE IN SERIES

骄傲系列 (mandarin) | श्रृंखला में गौरव (hindi) | التسلسل يس يف ريف (arabic) | orgullo en serie (spanish) | fierté de la série (french) | stolz auf die serie (german) | orgulho em série (portuguese) | гордость за серию (russian)

## CHARITIES

慈善团体 (mandarin) | दान (hindi) | خيرى خ تاى عرح (arabic) | organizaciones benéficas (spanish) | les organismes de bienfaisance (french) | wohltätigkeitsorganisationen (german) | caridades (portuguese) | благотворительные организации (russian)

## SAME-GENDER LOVING

同性爱 (mandarin) | समान-लिंग प्रेमी (hindi) | نمره عرح (arabic) | amante del mismo sexo (spanish) | amour du même sexe (french) | gleichgeschlechtliche liebe (german) | amor pelo mesmo sexo (portuguese) | однополая любовь (russian)

## HOW TO USE

All the translated terms are LITERAL TRANSLATIONS and are designed to communicate key terms and phrases.



show and **POINT** at the required term

## PRONOUNCE

a term based on the spelling



## ELDER COMMUNITY

老年社区 (mandarin) | बुजुर्ग समुदाय (hindi) | عمر عرح (arabic) | comunidad de ancianos (spanish) | communauté des aînés (french) | ältere gemeinschaft (german) | comunidade de idosos (portuguese) | сообщество старейшин (russian)

## SEXUALITY RELATED

性相关 (mandarin) | कामुकता संबंधी (hindi) | تاد (arabic) | relacionado con la sexualidad (spanish) | relatif à la sexualité (french) | sexualität im zusammenhang (german) | relacionado à sexualidade (portuguese) | связанные с сексуальностью (russian)

## GENDER RELATED

性别相关 (mandarin) | लिंग संबंधी (hindi) | قلع عرح (arabic) | relacionado con el género (spanish) | lié au genre (french) | geschlechtsspezifisch (german) | relacionado ao género (portuguese) | гендерные аспекты (russian)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

支持小组 (mandarin) | सहायता समूह (hindi) | تا عومرح (arabic) | grupos de apoyo (spanish) | groupes de soutien (french) | selbsthilfegruppen (german) | grupos de apoio (portuguese) | группы поддержки (russian)

## GENDER-FLUID

性别流体 (mandarin) | लिंग-द्रव (hindi) | لى اس لى (arabic) | fluido de género (spanish) | genre-fluide (french) | gender-fluid (german) | fluido de género (portuguese) | gender-fluid (russian)

## YOUTH

青年 [qīngnián] (mandarin) | जवानी (hindi) | شابش [shabab] (arabic) | juventud (spanish) | jeunesse (french) | jugend (german) | juventude (portuguese) | молодежь [molodezh'] (russian)

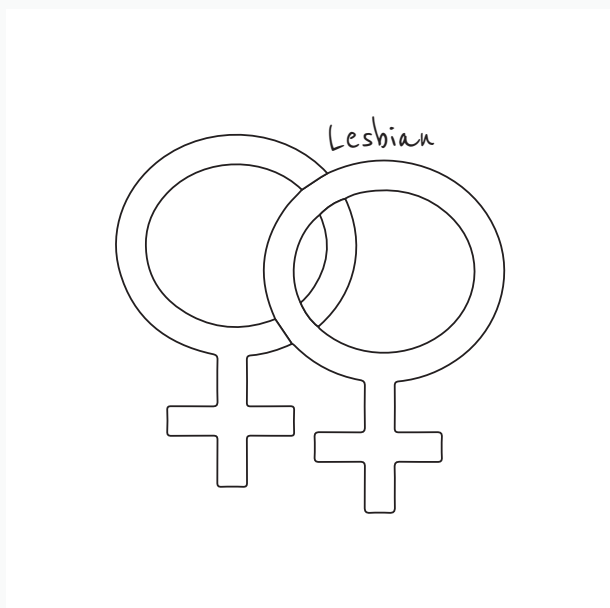
# FUN TIME

## WORDSEARCH

1. ALLOSEXUAL
2. ALLY
3. ANDROSEXUAL
4. AROMANTIC
5. ASEXUAL
6. BICURIOS
7. BISEXUAL
8. DEMISEXUAL
9. GAY
10. GYNESEXUAL
11. HETEROSEXUAL
12. LESBIAN
13. LOVE
14. PANSEXUAL
15. POLYSEXUAL
16. PRIDE
17. SAME-GENDER  
LOVING
18. SEXUALITY
19. SKOLIOSEXUAL
20. SPECTRASEXUAL

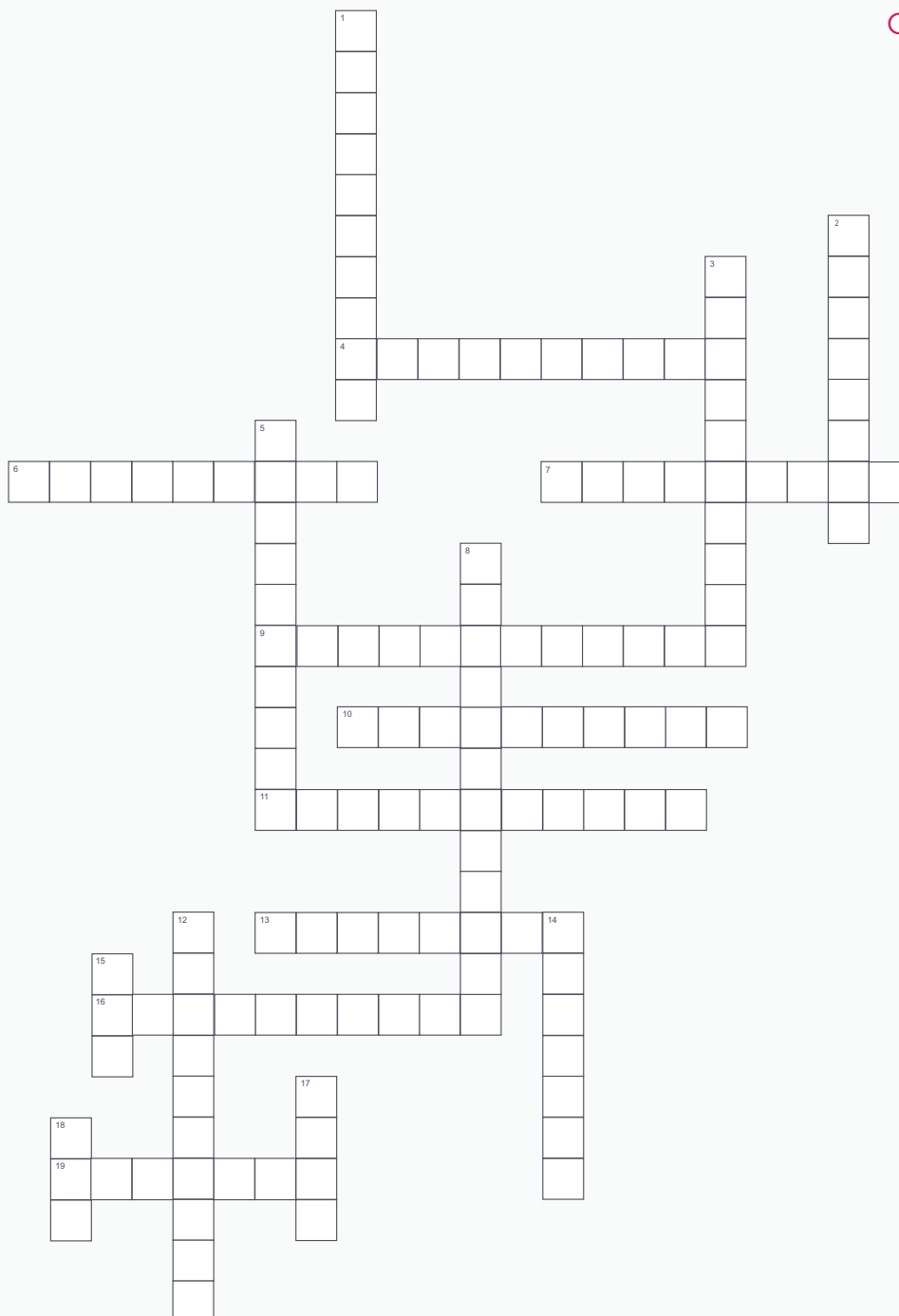


## COLOUR AND LEARN



### ABOUT THE SYMBOL

Two interlocking female symbols are used to represent lesbian women. The female symbol represents the planetary symbol for Venus.

**DOWN**

- 1) A term for someone that does not fit any labels for sexual attraction or desire (10 letters)
- 2) This group does not have a strong preference over one gender or the other (8 letters)
- 3) Attracted to more than two genders or sexes (10 letters)
- 5) Someone who is afraid or holds negative feelings towards the gay community (10 letters)
- 8) Attraction to people within or outside of the spectrum (12 letters)
- 12) Attraction to all genders or sexes, inside and outside of the spectrum (10 letters)
- 14) Named after a Greek Island (7 letters)
- 15) The three-letter abbreviation for people looking for a more inclusive term (3 letters)
- 17) The term for a heterosexual person who supports the LGBTQ+ community (4 letters)
- 18) A word that also means bright or lively (3 letters)

**ACROSS**

- 4) Not on the asexual spectrum (10 letters)
- 6) Relationships with more than two people (9 letters)
- 7) Part of this word means all or every (9 letters)
- 9) The medical term for the word straight (12 letters)
- 10) Attraction only where there is a deep romantic connection (10 letters)
- 11) More than only male, but an attraction to masculinity (11 letters)
- 13) Attraction to the same and opposite sex (8 letters)
- 16) More than only female, but an attraction to femininity (10 letters)
- 19) This group are known as Ace (7 letters)



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