

Y6 RSE definitions

Gender	Babies are given a gender when they are born, either male or female. This is based on their physical features: whether they have a vagina or penis.
Gender identity	Everyone has a gender identity. Some people identify strongly with the gender they were born with. Some people identify with aspects of the other gender too. Some people identify strongly with the other gender.
Trans	A word that describes people who feel the gender they were given as a baby doesn't match the gender they feel themselves to be.
Pronoun	These are words we use to refer to someone's gender in conversation, for example 'he' and 'she'. Some people may prefer others to refer to them in gender neutral language and use pronouns such as 'they'.
Straight/ heterosexual	This describes a person who is attracted to, or loves, people who are the opposite gender to them. For example, a man who loves a woman.
Gay	This describes a person who is attracted to, or loves, people of the same gender. It usually refers to men who are attracted to other men.
Lesbian	This describes a woman who is attracted to, or loves, another woman.
Bisexual	This describes a person who is attracted to, or loves, people of either gender. Some bisexual people might say that personality is more important to them than gender, when choosing a partner.