

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this activity is to explore the multiple options for identification within the spectrum of Queer community. In this hour-long activity we will explore the meaning and usage of the word “queer” and its relationship to Gay and Lesbian identity.

## **Materials**

The Kinsey Scale Handout  
The Kinsey Scale numbers 0-6  
Small slips of paper  
Something to collect the slips of paper  
Queer Vocabulary 101 (for presenter)

## **Introduction**

Open with a discussion about the term “LGBT”. Has anyone ever heard of it? Let them know that you will be exploring how the community has evolved language that is more inclusive and representative with regard to labels.

## **Activity**

Give each participant The Kinsey Scale handout along with a slip of paper. After going through the explanation of each number on the scale ask each person to privately write their number on the slip of paper. Let each person know that this is completely anonymous and that they would not be asked to share out their own number, but that you would discuss the numbers in the class.

Once everyone has written their own number, collect the slips of papers. In the container mix the slips up and hand them back out to the class randomly. Ask participants to look at their new number. Place the large Kinsey numbers on the floor in a line, 0-6, and ask each participant to stand behind the new number that they were given.

Ask each the group what they see about the distribution on the Kinsey Scale. What did they expect to find? Where there any surprises?

Write QUILTBAGPIPE on the board/whiteboard. Explain that each of those letters represents part of the acronym that is more representative of the community. Define the L, G, B, and T using the Queer Vocabulary 101 sheet.

## **Decompression**

Conclude by recapping that defining sexuality is not as simple as Gay and Straight. We tend to do this in our society, which further oppresses the entire community. For more in depth information, we suggest that students attend a Friendly Peer Training or for

faculty/staff to attend a Safe Zone Training (make sure to give the upcoming dates of these events).

### The Kinsey Scale

There is no 'test.' The scale is purely a method of self-evaluation based on your individual experience, and the rating you choose may change over time.

The scale ranges from 0, for those who would identify themselves as exclusively heterosexual with no experience with or desire for sexual activity with their same sex, to 6, for those who would identify themselves as exclusively homosexual with no experience with or desire for sexual activity with those of the opposite sex, and 1-5 for those who would identify themselves with varying levels of desire or sexual activity with either sex.

0- Exclusively heterosexual with no homosexual

1- Predominantly heterosexual, only incidentally homosexual

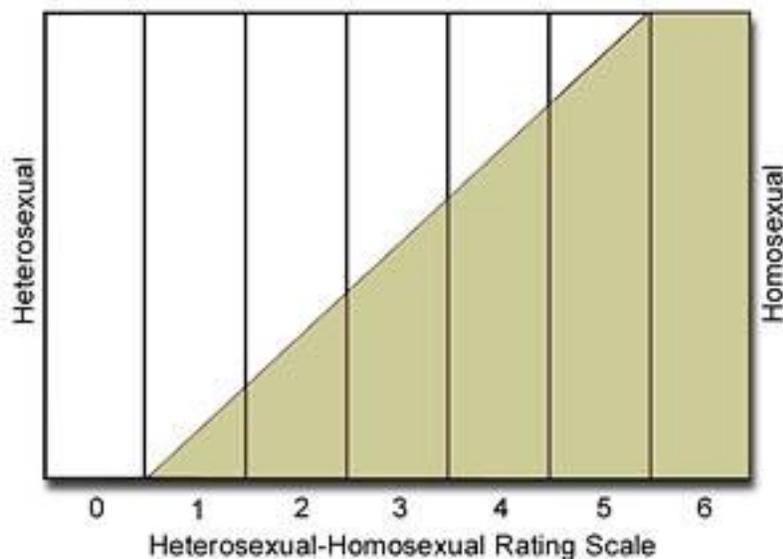
2- Predominantly heterosexual, but more than incidentally homosexual

3- Equally heterosexual and homosexual

4- Predominantly homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual

5- Predominantly homosexual, only incidentally heterosexual

6- Exclusively homosexual

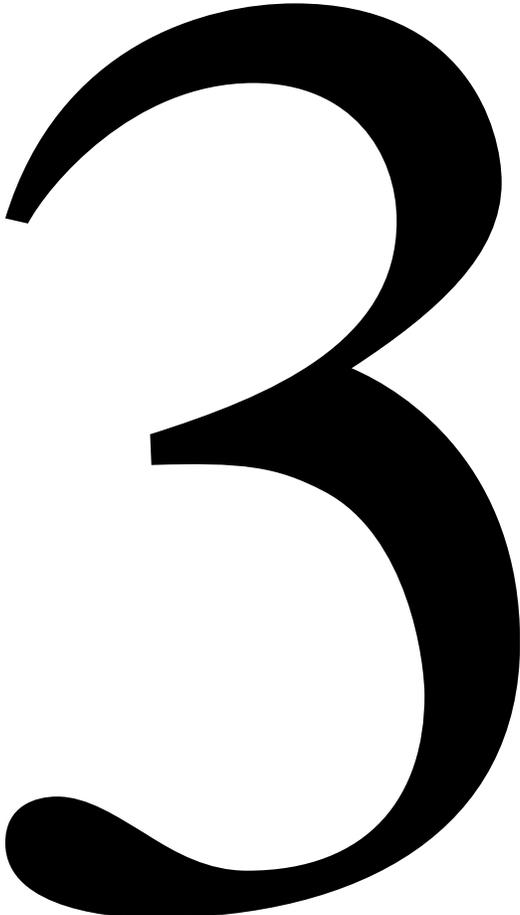


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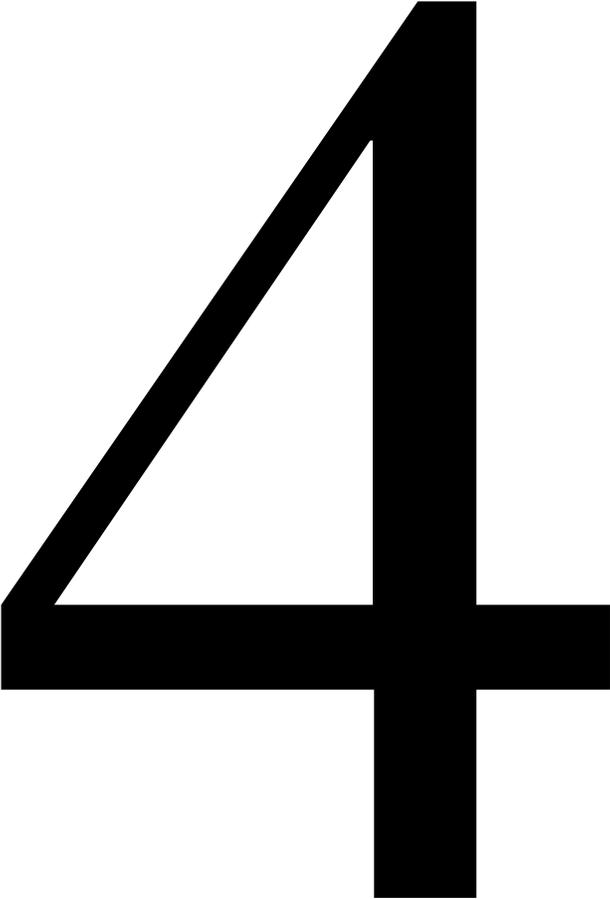
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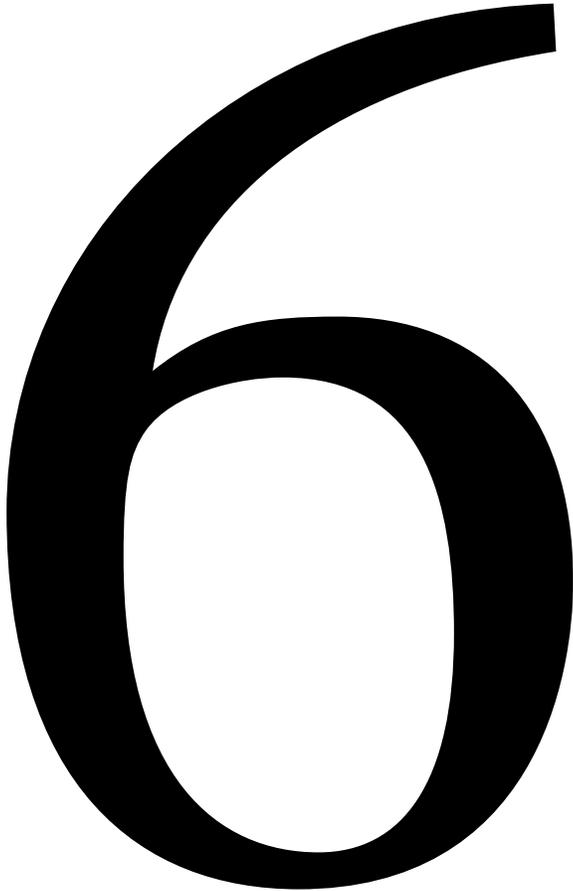
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## Queer Vocabulary 101

**Lesbian:** Female identified person attracted to other female identified people

**Gay:** Male identified person attracted to other Male identified people

**Bisexual:** A person attracted to both Men & Women

**Trans\*:** A person who is pushing back against social norms & expectations of Gender

## QUILT BAG PIPE

QUILT BAG PIPE is a new acronym/alphabet soup created to represent what's more commonly known as the LGBT or queer community, designed to purposefully include minorities AND to make sense to our eyes.

**Q-** queer/questioning

**U-** undecided

**I-** intersexed

**L-** lesbian

**T-** trans

**B-** bisexual

**A-** asexual/allies

**G-** gay/genderqueer

**P-** pansexual

**I-** indeterminate

**P-** polyamorous

**E-** everyone else that wants to be included