

Vocabulary Words

Ally: A person who does something to help or stand up for another person.

Birth Mother, Birth Father: Someone's natural mother and father.

Bisexual: A person who has a romantic relationship with either a man or a woman.

Bully: One who talks or acts in a mean spirited way to another person.

Caretaker/Caregiver: One who cares for or ensures the safety of another.

Comfortable: To make someone feel free from stress or anxiety.

Couple: Two people who are married, are living together, or have an intimate relationship.

Empathy: The ability to identify with and understand somebody else's feelings or difficulties.

Exclude: Somebody who prevents one from entering or participating. Somebody who prevents one from being considered or accepted.

Different: Not the same as something or somebody else.

Family: A family is a group of people living together and functioning as a single household.

Blended Family: When two separate families join together to live as one single family unit.

Divorced Family: When the parents in a family are no longer married. The children live with one or the other of the parents in an agreed upon decision.

Grandparent Family: When a grandparent is the primary caregiver of the children in a family.

Mixed Family: When two or more cultures and ethnicities join together to form one family.

Gay: Both men and women are romantically involved in a committed relationship with someone of the same sex.

Hurtful: To cause emotional pain or suffering to another person.

LGBT: An acronym that stands for the words, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender

Lesbian: A woman who has a romantic relationship with women.

Name calling: To call someone, in a hurtful or bullying way, a name that is unkind or mean.

Parent: A person's mother, father or legal guardian.

Adoptive Parent: One or two people who legally adopt a child to whom one or both of them did not give birth.

Foster Parent: On a temporary basis, one who legally provides a home and cares for a child.

Grandparent: The parent of a child's mother or father. This grandparent may also be the legal guardian and caretaker of the child.

Guardian: In the absence of a parent, a guardian is a person that the State allows to legally care and provide for a child.

Single Parent Family: When only one parent raises the children in a family.

Step parent: A person who becomes a parent through the remarriage of a parent to someone who has children.

Two Moms: Two women who live together as a family and are parents of a child.

Two Dads: Two men who live together as a family and are the parents of a child.

Similar: When something or someone is more alike than different.

Stereotypes: An oversimplified idea or generalization about a group of people. Labeling an entire group based on the actions of some.

Teasing: (Good natured) Teasing in a playful back and forth, with a friendly tone of voice or laughter. It may also be accompanied by affectionate gestures.

Teasing: (Hurtful) Teasing in a hurtful way is more often accompanied by an angry or sarcastic tone of voice and angry body language. Hurtful teasing can feel like being made fun of, or a put-down.

Transgender: A person whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth.

Additional Vocabulary Words