

Asexuality : Common Terminology

Asexuality: a sexual orientation describing people who do not experience sexual attraction.

Ace: Slang for asexual identified people

Aromantic: people who experience little to no romantic attraction

AVEN: Also known as “the forums” or “the boards,” AVEN is the largest and most active asexual community online.

Demisexual: people who only experience sexual attraction after forming emotional connections

Gray-asexual: people who identify somewhere between asexual and sexual on the sexuality spectrum.

Sexuality spectrum: Similar to the gender spectrum, the sexuality spectrum indicates that some people identify strongly with sexuality, some strongly with asexuality, and some identify in between.

Squish: Similar to a crush, a squish is a asexual term for interest in someone beyond traditional friendship roles.

Romantic orientation: Descriptive of someone’s romantic attraction, whether to the same gender, a different gender, many genders, or no genders. Commonly hetero-, homo-, bi-, pan-, and a- are used in front of romantic.

Relationship Model: A way to define to describe the relationships in one’s life. Traditional relationship models discuss the nuclear family; queer relationship models discuss chosen family; asexual relationship models can push the boundaries beyond friendship.

Queerplatonic: One type of non-romantic relationship where there is intense emotional bond and commitment that goes beyond what is traditionally thought of as friendship.