



**Isn't that just
celibacy?**

Celibacy is a choice not to have sexual relations, usually for a personal, societal/cultural or religious reason. Asexuals may identify as celibate as well as asexual but they are not one and the same.

**Have you
seen a
doctor?**

Hormones are commonly mentioned however not only do they not stop sexual attraction but most asexuals have normal or occasionally higher hormone levels. Depression, another common accusation, also does not eradicate attraction, only decrease libido; most people with depression are not asexual. Asexuals appear to be no more or less healthy than other groups.

**Aren't you
lonely without
a relationship?**

Some, but not all, asexuals do still desire the special emotional closeness, trust, loving companionship and a unique bond that a partner can provide, they just don't experience sexual attraction towards their partners even if they do engage in sexual acts for whatever reason.

**Did something happen
in your childhood to
cause that?**

There is no evidence to support theories about upbringing or abuse affecting orientation. Childhood assault or religious restrictions are more likely to cause an aversion or fear of sex than to eliminate sexual attraction.

**How do you know
you don't like sex if
you've never had
it?**

Being asexual doesn't mean sexless or even sex-hating. Some asexuals do still enjoy physical stimulation, emotional closeness, fulfilling a partner or creating children. Some are curious. Others are more than happy never to try it at all.

**I thought asexuality was
about amoebas...**

While amoebas are referred to as asexual (or agamic), it should also be noted that heterosexual (*two different sexes e.g. mammals*) and bisexual (*hermaphrodites e.g. snails or some plants*) are also methods of reproduction. Languages often use the same words for different meanings.