LGBTQIA Letter Breakdown

Lesbian
A term used to describe a woman who is attracted to women.

Gay
A term used to describe a man who is attracted to men, but often used by women attracted to women as well.

Bisexual
A term used to describe an individual who is attracted to people of their own gender as well as another gender.

Transgender
An umbrella term used to describe any individual who doesn’t fit society’s traditional perception of gender roles and/or expressions.

Transexual
A person whose gender identity is the binary opposite of their biological sex, who may undergo medical treatments to change their biological sex, often to align it with their gender identity.

Questioning
The process of exploring one’s own sexual orientation, investigating influences that may come from their family, religious upbringing, and internal motivations.

Queer
A term that has been embraced and reclaimed by the LGBTQ+ community as a symbol of pride, representing all individuals who do not fit gender and sexuality “norms.”

Intersex
A person with a set of sexual anatomy that doesn’t fit within the labels of female or male.

Ally
A heterosexual person who supports queer people.

Asexual
A term used to describe an individual who generally does not experience sexual attraction (or very little) to any group of people.

Please keep in mind that LGBTQIA is not a complete list of identities.