

## What Is Pride?

Every year there are Pride marches, parades and events all over the world. These events are to celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (**LGBT**) pride. Sometimes, they are also about fighting for LGBT people to have equal rights and freedoms. Many Pride events happen in June or July.



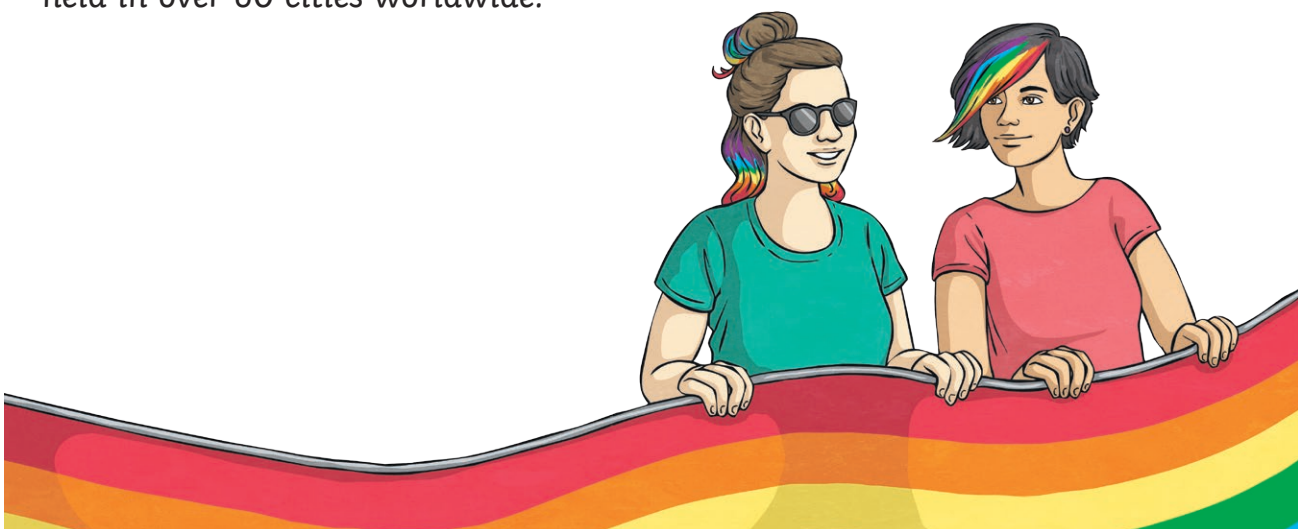
## What Does LGBT Stand For?

**L** stands for **lesbian**, meaning women who are attracted to people of the same gender. **G** stands for **gay**, meaning men who are attracted to people of the same gender. **B** stands for **bisexual**, meaning people who are attracted to people of all genders. **T** stands for **transgender**, meaning people whose gender is not the same as the sex they were assigned at birth. **Gender** means whether you identify as male or female.

## How Did Pride Begin?

In the UK today, LGBT people have equal rights and this is protected by law. But LGBT people haven't always had equal rights. In the UK and the United States, being gay used to be illegal and LGBT people were often arrested and treated unfairly. In June 1969, in New York City there were riots between police and LGBT people. These riots happened around a place called the Stonewall Inn.

The first ever Pride march happened in June 1970 in Chicago, to remember the Stonewall riots. There are now Pride marches held in over 60 cities worldwide.



## What Is Happening for Pride 2018?

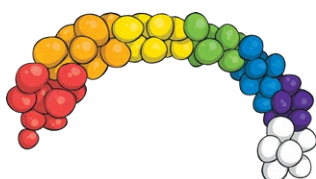
This year, there will be a huge parade in London called **Pride in London** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. There are also smaller Pride events happening across the country.

People wear colourful costumes, carry banners, travel on exciting floats, make lots of noise and wave rainbow flags. People who are not LGBT also watch or march in the parade, to show their support for LGBT friends and family.



### Did You Know...?

- Last year, more than 26,000 people joined the Pride parade through central London and many more watched.
- The rainbow flag is a symbol of LGBT pride and was first used at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade in 1978.
- One of the biggest Pride events in Europe is in Madrid in Spain. The parade is attended by 1,500,000 people every year.



# Questions

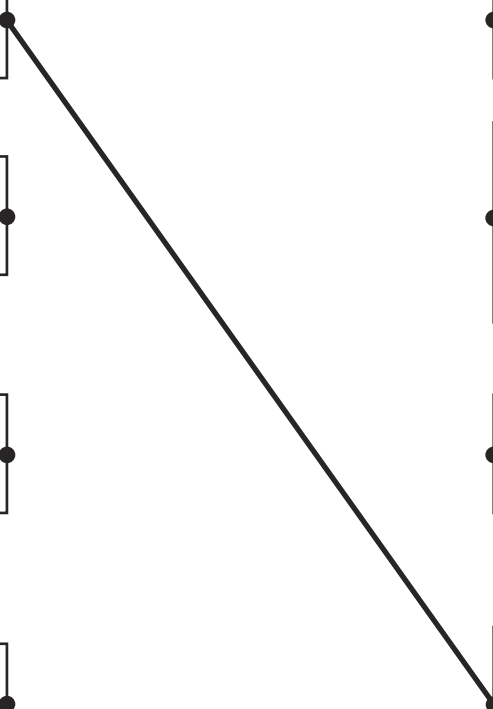
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- ☐ waving flags

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- ☐ May
- ☐ June
- ☐ April
- ☐ July

3. Draw lines to match the words to what they mean. One has been done for you.

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gay		People whose gender is not the same as the sex they were assigned at birth.
bisexual		People who are attracted to people of all genders.
transgender		Women who are attracted to people of the same gender.

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- ☐ Being gay was illegal in the UK and United States.
- ☐ A year later, the first Pride march happened to remember the riots.
- ☐ LGBT people were being arrested and treated unfairly.
- ☐ Pride marches started happening all over the world.

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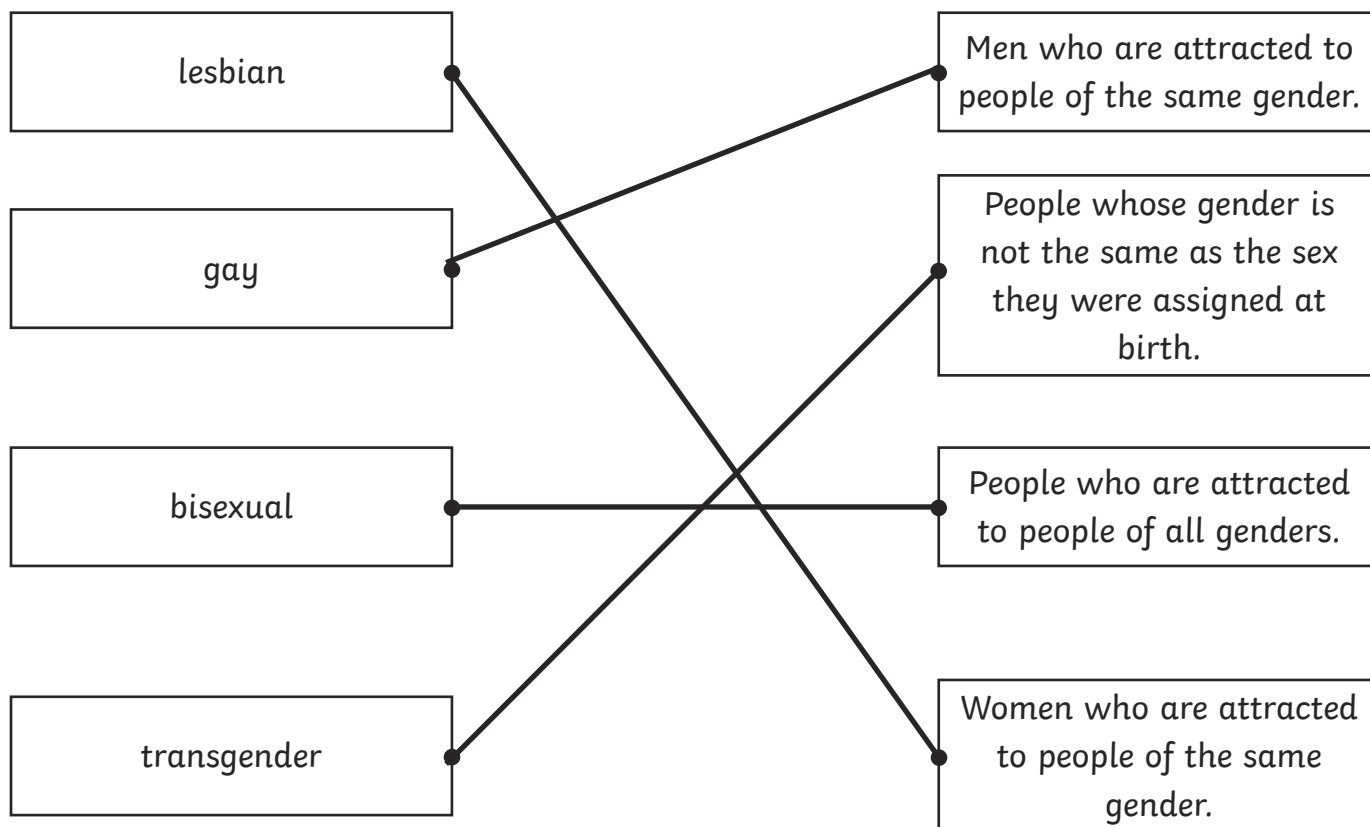
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**Pupils must choose one of the facts in the text. Pupils' own responses for reason, such as: I think the most interesting fact in the text is that the Pride event in Madrid is attended by 1,500,000 people every year. I chose this fact because this is an amazing number of people and more than I would have expected.**



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## The Start of Pride

In the UK today, LGBT people have equal rights and this is protected by law. However, LGBT people haven't always had equal rights. Being gay used to be illegal in the United States and the UK, and LGBT people were often arrested and treated unfairly. In June 1969, people in New York City began to fight back and there were riots between police and LGBT people. These riots happened around the Stonewall Inn.

In June 1970, the first Pride march took place in Chicago, to remember the Stonewall riots.

## Pride in London

This year, there will be an enormous parade in London called **Pride in London** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. There are also smaller Pride events happening across the country.

Last year, more than 26,000 people joined the Pride parade through central London, and many more watched. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, was the first Mayor of London to appear at a Pride event last year. Many large companies also took part in the parade to show their support for the LGBT community.



The rainbow flag is an important symbol of LGBT pride and can be seen throughout the parade. The rainbow flag was first used at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade in 1978.

### Pride around the World

There are now Pride marches held in over 60 cities worldwide. New York Gay Pride Parade is one of the oldest and largest in the world. The biggest and most popular Pride in Europe is in Madrid, Spain. This parade is attended by 1,500,000 people every year! In the Netherlands, Amsterdam hosts the world's only canal parade for Gay Pride. The world's smallest Pride event takes place in a small village in Ireland with a population of just 250.



### Glossary

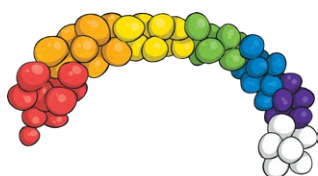
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# Questions

1. What are the main purposes of Pride events? Tick two.

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- ☐ to celebrate LGBT pride
- ☐ to dress up and wave flags
- ☐ to fight for LGBT equal rights

2. How many people were at the London Pride parade last year? Tick one.

- ☐ over 2600
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transgender

A person who is attracted to people of the same gender (often men).

gay

People whose gender is not the same as the sex they were assigned at birth.

bisexual

A person who is female and is attracted to people of the same gender.

lesbian

A person who is attracted to people of all genders.

4. Number the events below to show the order in which they happened in the history of Pride.

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- ☐ Being gay was illegal in the UK and United States.
- ☐ A year later, the first Pride march happened to remember the riots.
- ☐ The rainbow flag as first used.
- ☐ Pride marches started happening all over the world.

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6. Fill in the missing words in this sentence.

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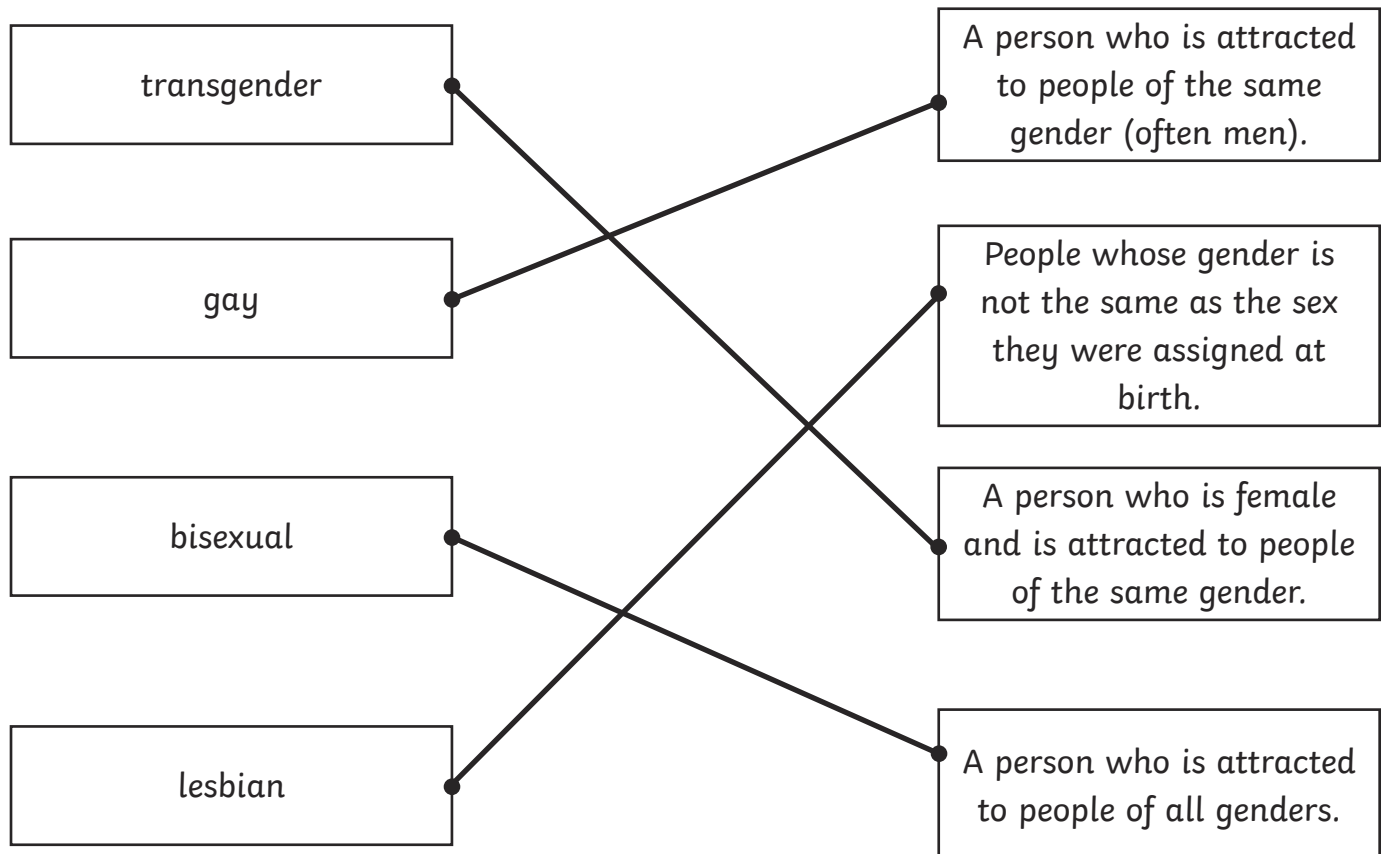
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**The world's first Pride march took place in Chicago.**

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The most popular and biggest Pride in Europe is in **Madrid (also accept Spain)** and the world's smallest Pride takes place in **Ireland**.

7. Why do you think the Pride parade is important to those who march in it? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the Pride parade is important to those who march in it because LGBT people haven't always been treated fairly so it is important to celebrate their equality and continue to fight for equal rights.**

8. Why do you think the Pride parade is important to those who march in it? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the rainbow flag was chosen as a symbol of LGBT pride because it is colourful and bright, so it is very eye-catching and easy to recognise. It also has lots of different colours to represent different people coming together.**

# Pride

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LGBT people have often faced **prejudice** in the past because of their **sexuality** or **gender identity**. Pride is a time to unite, raise awareness, protest for change, and celebrate equality and diversity.

## The History of Pride

In the UK today, LGBT people have equal rights and this is protected by law. However, LGBT people haven't always had equality. Being gay was once illegal in the UK and United States, and LGBT people were often harassed and arrested. In June 1969, riots broke out between the police and LGBT people in New York City around the Stonewall Inn. This was the beginning of the move towards LGBT people achieving equal rights, known as 'the gay rights movement'.

In June 1970, the first Pride march took place in Chicago, to remember the Stonewall riots. The idea quickly spread around America and then around the world. The UK's first Pride march was held in London in 1972.

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### Pride around the World

Pride is now a global celebration, celebrated in over 60 countries worldwide. Every Pride is unique: from the biggest and most popular Pride in Europe, held in Madrid (attracting 1,500,000 people every year), to the world's smallest Pride held in a small village in Ireland (with a population of just 250). In the Netherlands, Amsterdam hosts the world's most unusual Pride, with a parade that travels by canal.



### Glossary

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**gender identity:** A person's sense of their own gender. This might mean feeling male, female, or neither.

**lesbian:** A person who is female and is attracted to people of the same gender.

**prejudice:** An unfair opinion of something, often resulting in negative behaviour or treatment.

**sexuality:** A person's emotional or romantic attraction to others. For example, being gay, lesbian or bisexual.

**transgender:** People whose gender is not the same as the sex they were given at birth.

# Questions

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**Amsterdam's Pride is unusual because it is a parade that travels by canal.**

6. Look at the section **The History of Pride**. Summarise how things are different in the UK today to the United States in 1969.

**In the UK and United States in 1969, being gay was illegal and LGBT people were often harassed and arrested. But in the UK today, LGBT people have equal rights and are protected by the law.**

7. Why do you think the idea of a Pride march quickly spread around the world? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the idea of a Pride march spread quickly around the world because lots of people wanted to celebrate and protest for equal rights.**

8. Why do you think the Pride parade is important to those who march in it today? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the Pride parade is important to those who march in it today because LGBT people have often faced prejudice in the past because of their sexuality or gender identity. It is important to celebrate these things and continue to protest for equal rights.**