

Gender Stereotypes Scenarios: Answer Key

Scenario 1



Exploring gender identity is an important part of discovering who we are, and people who identify with more than one gender are not confused. This is a myth supported by traditional gender roles, which suggests that there are only two possible genders: male and female. Gender is a spectrum of opportunities!

Scenario 2



This stereotype originates from the way in which society assumes gay people should behave. It makes the mistake of assuming that how you act determines your sexual orientation. Being gay is a sexual orientation. While it can include emotional and behavioural expressions, it is not limited by these qualities. A man who acts in a feminine way is not necessarily gay.

In society, crying is often perceived as a feminine characteristic. This leads to the belief that men should not cry or express their emotions. We are all emotional beings. Everyone, regardless of their gender, should be encouraged to express a full range of emotions, such as happiness, sadness, anger, and love.

Scenario 3



The clothes that a girl—or a person of any gender—chooses to wear, are an expression of identity. Clothes are not a basis upon which to make assumptions about sexuality or sexual behaviour. Everyone deserves the right to express themselves freely. We are all responsible for respecting each other's freedom of choice.

Scenario 4



All youth have the right to determine which sexual orientation is right for them. Sexual attraction is considered fluid, which means it can change over time—not only during adolescence, but also throughout adulthood.