

“Queer”

Is it acceptable language?

Yes, to an extent.



They/Them

The gender ambiguous pronoun



Gender Vs Sex



Mind
Vs
Physical
Anatomy



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Is it acceptable language?

“Queer”

Yes.

The word “Queer” is indeed reclaimed language, and is often used within the community. Queer is a term referencing everyone in the LGBT+ community. For those who are sure of their sexuality or unsure.

But

Just like all words Queer can be used as an insult just like any other word. So while the word itself is not offensive, it can be used in offensive ways and can indeed be very cruel especially due to its historical context.

Basically. Not offensive but very offensive if you intend it to be.

A Queer Timeline

16th Century - The world “queer” enters the English language meaning “weird”, “strange” and “odd”

17th Century - Queer gains the new meaning of sexual deviance, a word typically targeting gay or feminine men.

20th Century - Queer becomes a dehumanizing slur towards the LGBT+ community.

1980 - The LGBT+ community begins to reclaim the word Queer, allowing it to become a more neutral term.

Today - Successfully reclaimed, Queer has become a completely inclusive term for the LGBT+ community.



They/Them

First of all

They/Them pronouns are indeed grammically correct.

Although typically used for groups of people, they/them pronouns are in fact used for singular people by the masses.

For Example:

“Someone left *their* phone here.”

“I saw someone enter the shop, *they* were very cute,”

As you can see the gender of the person was unknown, causing they/them pronouns to be used.

Respecting a person's pronouns are important, pronouns are important, not using the correct one purposefully is not only rude but detrimental to one's mental health.

These pronouns may feel weird to use at first, but with time it gets easier.

Who Uses They/Them Pronouns?

They/them pronouns are typically used when referring to someone who is gender queer or on the non binary spectrum, which typically means that they do not identify physically and/or mentally connect to the male or female mentality.

Unfortunately, the Non Binary and gender community is just now getting more media attention and recognition. Which is nice, except this means these genders and this pronoun are not legally recognized, and due to people not understanding their gender orientation there is a lot of conflict about the existence of these people.



What is Gender?

A common mistake about gender is that it is synonymous with a beings sex when in fact these two entities are separate.

Sex refers to a persons chromosomes while gender references a persons identity and expression.

Gender identity is the internal sense of a persons being, whether they more align with the ideas of male, female, neither, or both.

Gender expression is how a person portrays that identity to the public.

