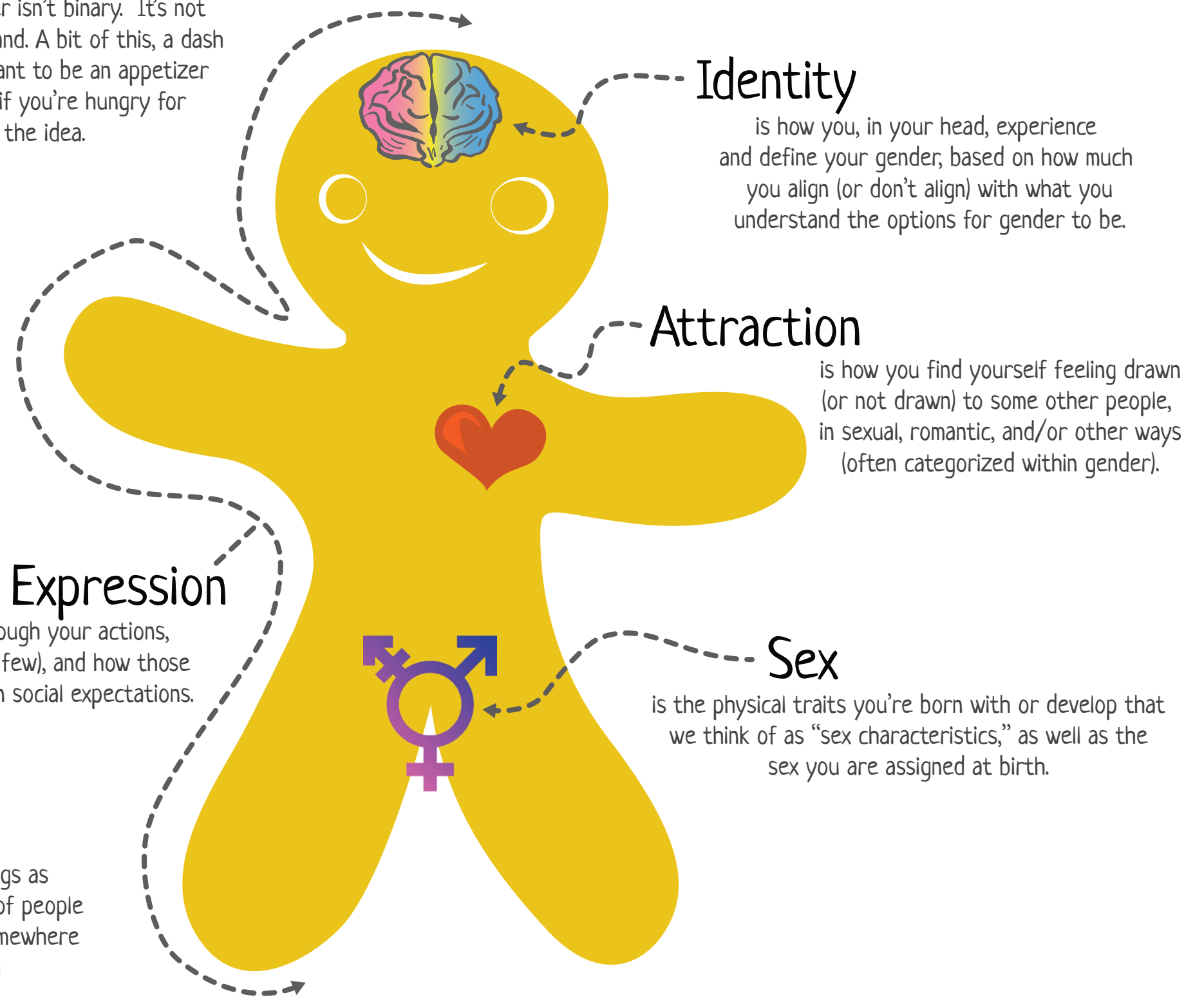


The Genderbread Person

Gender is one of those things everyone thinks they understand, but most people don't. Gender isn't binary. It's not either/or. In many cases it's both/and. A bit of this, a dash of that. This tasty little guide is meant to be an appetizer for gender understanding. It's okay if you're hungry for more after reading it. In fact, that's the idea.



We can think about all these things as existing on continuums, where a lot of people might see themselves as existing somewhere between 0 and 100 on each

⊘ means a lack of what's on the right side

Gender Identity

⊘ —————> Woman-ness

⊘ —————> Man-ness

personality traits, jobs, hobbies, likes, dislikes, roles, expectations

common GENDER IDENTITY things

Gender Expression

⊘ —————> Femininity

⊘ —————> Masculinity

style, grooming, clothing, mannerisms, affect, appearance, hair, make-up

common GENDER EXPRESSION things

Anatomical Sex

⊘ —————> Female-ness

⊘ —————> Male-ness

body hair, chest, hips, shoulders, hormones, penis, vulva, chromosomes, voice pitch

common ANATOMICAL SEX things

Identity ≠ Expression ≠ Sex
Gender ≠ Sexual Orientation

Sex Assigned At Birth

☐ Female ☐ Intersex ☐ Male

Typically based solely on external genitalia present at birth (ignoring internal anatomy, biology, and change throughout life), Sex Assigned At Birth (SAAB) is key for distinguishing between the terms "cisgender" (when SAAB aligns with gender identity) and "transgender" (when it doesn't).

Sexually Attracted to... and/or (a/o)

⊘ —————> Women a/o Feminine a/o Female People

⊘ —————> Men a/o Masculine a/o Male People

Romantically Attracted to...

⊘ —————> Women a/o Feminine a/o Female People

⊘ —————> Men a/o Masculine a/o Male People