

Gender Identification and Sexual Orientation Scenarios

Directions: Our conversation has centered around how being accepting and tolerant of other people's viewpoints can help build connections and develop empathy for others. Using the information from our discussion, answer the following questions below. In your response, please provide specific examples of your understanding of acceptance, tolerance, and empathy.

For this section use only **ONE** scenario for your response . Please answer each question with detail in your response. Remember to make connections to acceptance, tolerance, and empathy in your response.

Scenario 1: Olivia

Olivia does not fit into the stereotypical female role as she enjoys learning and working on cars. She has dreams of becoming an auto mechanic and owning her own autobody shop. You witness her being bullied and teased because of her appearance and interest in working on cars. Olivia is also questioning her sexual orientation. You believe that the bullying along with her own uncertainties is having an impact on her emotional and mental health.

Scenario 2: Andrew

Andrew is applying to school for the fashion design program. Andrew is heterosexual and is concerned about how other people may react to his acceptance into the program. You have witnessed other students making negative comments to Andrew about his interest in fashion design and assuming his sexual orientation is homosexual. You are worried that Andrew will not have the confidence to attend his fashion design program.

1. What specific actions can you take to help this student feel more accepted in their school community? Think about how you would show empathy to the student and personal experiences you have that would connect.
2. Are there specific resources you might use to help with this process?