

The rainbow flag explained

Do you know what the colours of the rainbow flag mean? Find out in this video!

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

Vocabulary

1. a symbol
2. gay pride
3. a stripe
4. a community
5. to spread
6. equal rights
7. healing
8. the human spirit
9. simplicity
- 10..... inclusive

Definition

- a. a line on a surface that is a different colour from the rest of the surface
- b. the process of becoming well again, especially after something painful or bad
- c. a sign, shape or object that is used to represent something else
- d. people's energy, emotions, beliefs and feelings
- e. the fact that something is easy to understand or do
- f. a social and political movement which says that gay people should be proud of their identity
- g. the same treatment and opportunities as other people
- h. including many different types of people and treating them fairly and equally
- i. to cover or reach a wider or increasing area
- j. people who are considered a unit because of their common interests, social group, etc.

Tasks

Task 1

Match the ideas (a–f) with the colours that represent them (1–6).

Colours

1. red
2. orange
3. yellow
4. green
5. blue
6. violet

Ideas

- a. sunlight
- b. the human spirit
- c. art
- d. healing
- e. life
- f. nature

Task 2

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

community	stripes	celebrate
inclusive	gay pride	originally

1. The rainbow flag has been used as a symbol for for many years.
2. The flag's bright colours are used to people's differences.
3. It first became a symbol for the LGBT in 1978.
4. Gilbert Baker, an artist in San Francisco, designed a flag with eight
5. The flag had eight stripes, but now it has six.
6. The flag's simple design allows it to be very

Discussion

What did you learn from the video?

Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. f
3. a
4. j
5. i
6. g
7. b
8. d
9. e
10. h

Task 1

1. e
2. d
3. a
4. f
5. c
6. b

Task 2

1. gay pride
2. celebrate
3. community
4. stripes
5. originally
6. inclusive