

SCENARIO THREE

By yourself or with a partner, read the following scenario and discuss the follow-up questions.

You are riding the bus home from school and your friend comes over to sit by you for the ride. They tell you that they have a friend named Blair who has been their good friend for years. Blair recently came out and has since gotten a different hairstyle and changed the way they dress. Your friend then asks you if Blair coming out means Blair identifies as a different gender now, too?

>What would you say to your friend? What advice would you give them in this situation?

>Sometimes people think that if a person comes out as gay and they start dressing differently, it must mean their gender identity is different now that they've come out. This is not entirely true. Sometimes when someone comes out, they share their gender identity and/or their sexual orientation. Sometimes, it's just one or the other. A change in the way some dresses could mean someone identifies with their gender differently OR it could also just mean they wanted to change up their wardrobe.

