

What do you call a girl who has lots of sex?



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“What’s wrong with her?”
 “She’s a slut.”
 “How do you know that?”
 “Everyone knows.”

Slut. It is a four letter word in more than one way.

The word has maintained the same meaning since its birth in the 1400s: a dirty girl who has promiscuous sex.

In the 1400s, “promiscuous sex” simply meant sex outside of marriage. Today, the lines between “normal” amounts of sex and promiscuous amounts have become blurred to the point of oblivion.

Today, there is no set standard for how much is too much. That number varies from person to person.

Any factor in sex varies from person to person. With whom, how often, how soon, and who knows about it.

Unfortunately, a mysterious blanket standard has been placed onto society which often labels sexually active individuals as promiscuous.

While “slut” is not a gender-specific term and could, theoretically, be easily applied to a male, the word is seldom used to describe males.

This could stem from the age old double standard of promiscuity between men and women. Typically, women are judged more harshly than men for having multiple or any sexual partners.

That is an argument for another day.

Regardless of the various sexual stigma between males and females, it is not right to stigmatize anyone based on their sexual history, regardless of gender.

That being said, why is there such stigma surrounding sex? Why is anybody concerned with another person’s sex life?

Slut shaming is the all encompassing action for society’s disapproval of promiscuity. It is the act of criticizing a woman based on her appearance, sexual history, or reputation if any of these factors are what anyone considers to be promiscuous.

Social media has become more intrusive as it has evolved, pushing “slut shaming” to the forefront of today’s societal standards.

The first misconception about the word “slut” is

Her name.

that it is a synonym for “a girl I don’t like.”

When someone does not have a good opinion of a girl, they use several key words; she’s fat, she’s ugly, she’s a slut.

The looseness with which the word is treated gives anyone the power to ruin a girl’s reputation with the slip of a single word.

The potency of the word is enough that most people take it at face value.

People just accept that a girl is a “slut” without questioning; how does anyone *know* that?

What evidence exists to prove the promiscuity? Word of mouth is one of the most unreliable sources, yet it is the *only* way that “sluts” get their name.

Regardless of why these girls have been given such heinous titles, another question to ask is this: *what does it matter?*

Why is anyone interested in what goes on in the privacy of anyone else’s bedroom?

Society has become so voyeuristic that it is not enough to know who is dating or fighting. It has become everyone’s prerogative to not only find out who is having sex, but to judge them based on their discoveries.

And what cannot be discovered is simply fabricated.

The pervasive nature of social media takes these rumors and plasters them on millions of screens for anyone to see and believe.

A girl’s sexual activity does not dictate her personality, her intelligence, or her morality.

What a girl does behind closed doors is her own personal business and it is nobody’s place to judge.

The *only* person who should be concerned with a girl’s sex life is her sexual partner. Mutual respect should exist if sex is taking place. Therefore, her partner should have enough respect for her to understand her past, and to understand that it matters only what his partner has to say about herself, not anyone else.

And just the same, both partners should have respect for their own bodies and utilize protection and have regular STI testing.

So next time you hear the S-word slip from someone’s mouth, take it with a grain of salt and ask yourself a few things:

What does “slut” even mean?

Why should it matter to me?

How do I know any of this is even true?

And if any of the answers to these questions is “I don’t know,” take a step back and think before you blindly label someone.

What do you think about the use of the word “slut”?

@MichaelFaldet Depends on the context of how you’re using it. I think it’s a funny word. But only if it’s used as comedy, and not for hurt.

@sunnydayshai It shouldn’t be okay because it generally only defines a woman by her sexual relations. That’s private and a double standard.

@carlarosebud It’s a word.....people use it to either feel better about themselves or point out the obvious #BadWord

@enthusi4sm Not okay. Due to the illusion of moral superiority, people assume things about one’s sexual proclivities based on appearance.

@TheGreatJensen The word slut perpetuates the sexist idea that women are only allowed to have sex as society deems appropriate a.k.a. never

@m0rgzilla The existence and use of the word “slut” feeds the oppression of gender equality.

@jaque_walters Slut- a woman with the morals of a man.

@gaydumbstupid it’s one sided. You never hear a guy called a slut. It’s only used towards females.