

## Roots By Chloe Peterson

A-

Word root meaning not or without

Amorphous, asymmetrical, atypical

Asexual

Definition: A lack of sexual desire or interest

Sentence: I am asexual, I am not confused or lying to seek attention.

In-

Word root meaning not

Inimitable, incongruous, invisible

Invalid

Definition: Not valid

Sentence: According to many, I am invalid in the LGBT community because I am not "gay enough" and I won't get thrown out of my house because of who I am.

Di-

Word prefix meaning across

Dividend, diameter, division

Divide

Definition: to separate from something else; cut off

Sentence: I feel a divide between myself and the rest of the allosexual world.

I am asexual.

I am valid.

Don't expand the divide I and countless others feel.

Close it.

Don't erase me because I don't fit in your boxes.

Love me all the same.

Even when others tell me I will never find love because of who I am.

Take me by the hand and help me

Help me pull up the problem at its roots.