

Observed	Assigned	Assumed
Genital shape	Legal sex, pronouns, gendered labels, gender, gendered name, social role	Gametes, chromosomes, reproduction, gender identity

Example: a child is . . .

Observed as having a vulva

Assigned a legal sex, a pronoun, a (likely) gendered name, socially constructed labels, e.g. girl/woman, social rules/roles, sex segregation rules

Assumed to have womb, vagina, large gametes, XX chromosomes, ability to bear children, ability to live congruently in the social designation “girl/woman” (all of these assumptions may be incorrect)

Biology	Construct
Genitals, gametes*, chromosomes*, gender identity* (proven to have a clear biological component) <i>*All usually unknown at birth</i>	Birth cert, pronouns, name, legal sex, gender roles, labels (man/woman, masculine/feminine, male/female, sex/gender)