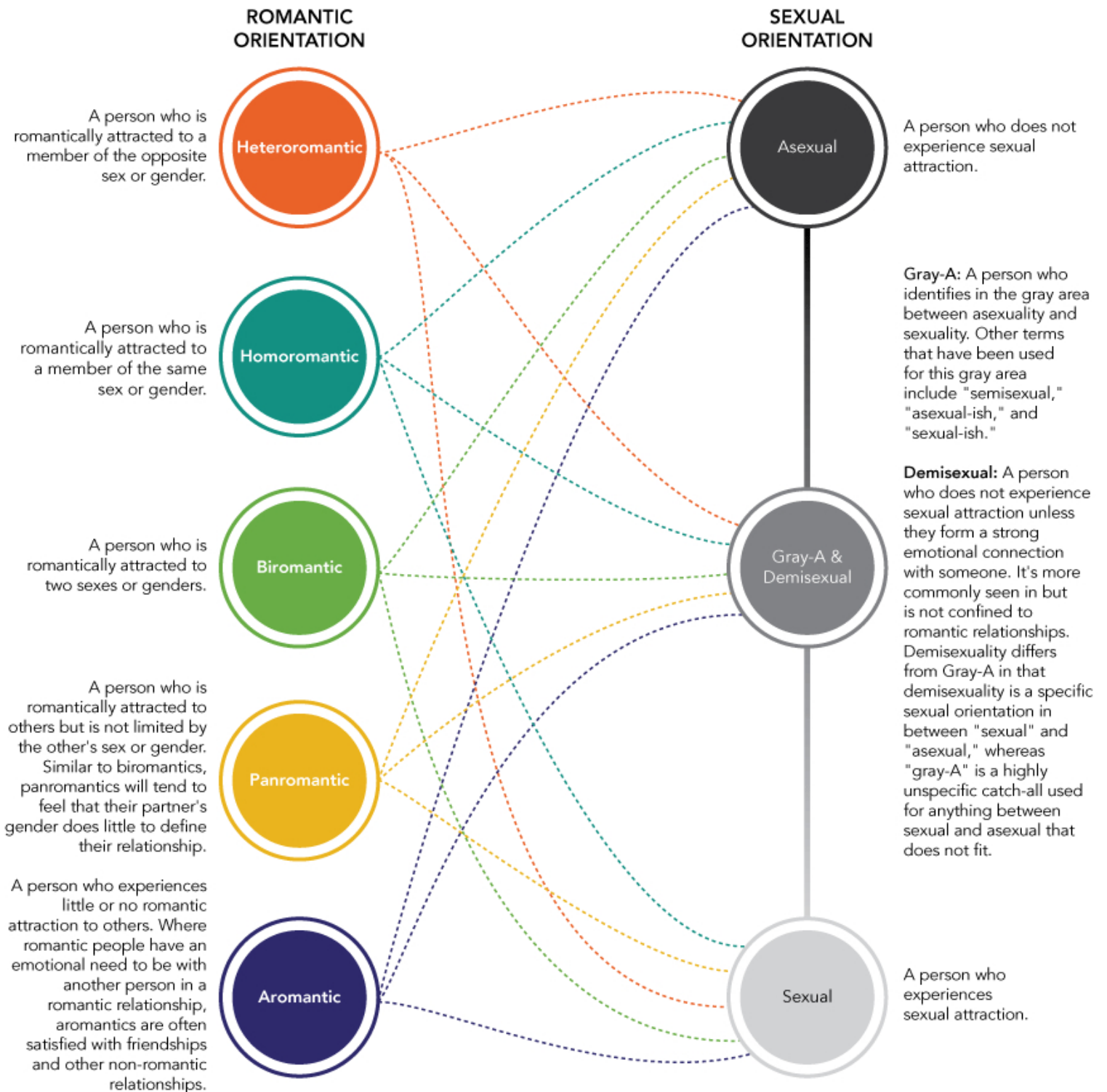


The Asexual Spectrum

Many asexuals identify with two orientations: a romantic and a sexual one. According to the Asexual Visibility and Education Network (AVEN), an asexual's romantic orientation determines "which gender(s), if any, they are inclined to form romantic relationships with." There are also individuals in the asexual community who identify in the gray area between asexuality and sexuality.*



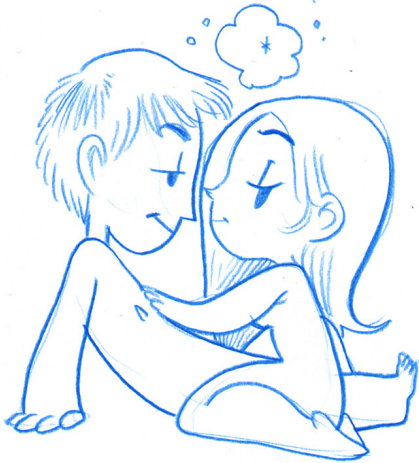
*Note that this infographic is a limited and not definitive model of the asexual spectrum. Not all asexuals will identify or agree with the definitions in this graphic.

Source: AVENwiki (asexuality.org/wiki/)

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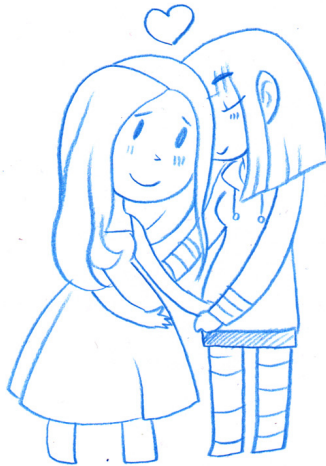
Sexual Attraction:

Sexual attraction is a feeling that sexual people get that causes them to desire sexual contact with a specific other person.



Romantic Attraction:

Romantic attraction is a feeling that causes people to desire a romantic relationship with a specific other person.



Crushes:

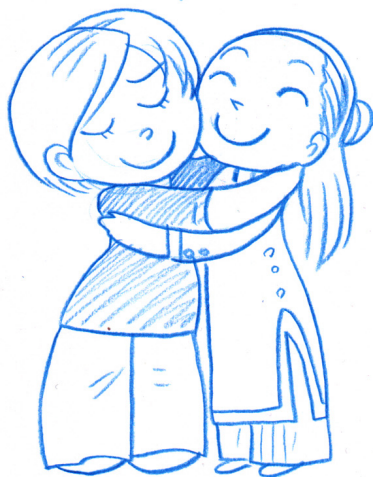
A crush is a romantic attraction to someone, a desire for a romantic relationship of some kind, a desire that is possibly temporary in nature, possibly never to be acted upon.



Squishes:

A squish is an aromantic crush, a desire for a strong platonic relationship with someone.

Squish



Sensual Attraction:

A desire to do sensual (but not sexual) things with certain people, especially relating to tactile sensuality such as cuddling.



Aesthetic Attraction:

An attraction to other people that is not connected to a desire to do anything with them, either sexually or romantically. They simply appreciate their appearance.

