

# CASE OUTLINE

MEET VIVEK

24 years old, Vivek is a recent newcomer to Canada attending school in Mississauga. He's immigrated by himself to live with his grandparents. He thinks he might be bisexual, and he hasn't shared this with anyone yet. He's heard that there's a lot of LGBTQ+ community members in Canada, and he wants to make gay friends, perhaps explore getting a boyfriend or girlfriend.



Where in Peel can Vivek find queer social events and groups?

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Vivek checks out his school's Queer Students Association and makes some new friends. He's slowly becoming more comfortable exploring aspects of his identity, although he's still not out to folks. At a mixer, another student from the Association asks him if he's gay. Vivek says he doesn't know yet, and the other student rolls their eyes and walks away.

How might this have been hurtful?



With encouragement from his new queer friends, Vivek decides to try dressing more feminine than he used to, and goes into a study group one day with his nails' painted. One classmate asks why Vivek's nails are painted and asks "Are you gay?". This leads to a few giggles among group members.

If you were in this study group, how would you react? Why?

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It's been an exhausting few months, with some good moments and some bad moments. Vivek is busy with school, a part-time job, dating, and trying out feminine dressing. It's been up and down in terms of how people react to Vivek's new self-expressions. Vivek thinks that, despite everything, he wants to come out to his parents. He phones them up...

If you were Vivek's parents and he came out to you as bisexual and dating other men, how would you respond? Self-reflect and write down your answers individually.

Would you feel confident supporting someone like Vivek? Why or why not? Answer this question in your small group.

