

Ten Things to Say to “That’s So Gay”

It’s perfectly fine to use gay when referring to gay people, but not acceptable as a way to describe something silly or stupid.

It’s not okay to use a word that describes someone’s identity as a put-down.

How would you feel if who you are was used as an insult?

I know you don’t mean any harm when you say “that’s so gay”, but that expression is offensive to a lot of people, so please don’t use it.

Regardless of how it is intended, using gay to describe something negative reflects a long history of prejudice against LGBT people, so please don’t use it in that way.

There are so many different ways to say what you mean that are not insulting to others. Be imaginative and say something original.

We have all been on the receiving end of an insult and felt its sting, so why wouldn’t you put a little effort into avoiding language that hurts others?

“Everyone” doesn’t say “that’s so gay”. I don’t say it and if you care about others’ feelings, you won’t say it either.

Just because a lot of people say “that’s so gay” doesn’t make it any less hurtful. You can be an example to others by removing this expression from your vocabulary.

It’s not fair to use clichés about “political correctness” as an excuse for disrespecting others. Why say “that’s so gay” if you are aware that it is offensive to many people?