
Parents & Kids, Talking About Sex ©

"Am I still a virgin if...."

Students continue to ask parents if oral and anal sex are sex. They ask if someone is still a virgin if they have experienced every form of sexual contact except vaginal intercourse. Parents can answer, "It depends on how you define the word 'virgin'." Then look up the meanings for the word "virgin" in the dictionary. Then ask:

1. "Are you a "techno-vaginal virgin?"
2. "Are you a REAL virgin, chaste, pure, unused, unsullied, modest, unexplored?"

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language

Virgin

1. A person who has not experienced sexual intercourse.

2. A chaste or unmarried woman; a maiden.

NO 3. An unmarried woman who has taken religious vows of chastity.

UN: 4. **Virgin** The Virgin Mary.

5. *Zoology* A female insect or other arthropod that produces fertile eggs without copulating.

1. Of, relating to, or being a virgin; chaste.

AD 2. Being in a pure or natural state; unsullied: *virgin snow*.

JEC 3. Unused, uncultivated, or unexplored: *virgin territory*.

TIV 4. Existing in native or raw form; not processed or refined.

E: 5. Happening for the first time; initial.

6. Obtained directly from the first pressing: *virgin olive oil*.

7. *Zoology* Producing fertile eggs without copulating

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

Main Entry: ²**virgin**

Function: *adjective*

1 : free of impurity or stain : **UNSULLIED**

2 : **CHASTE**

3 : characteristic of or befitting a virgin : **MODEST**

4 : **FRESH, UNSPOILED**; *specifically*: not altered by human activity <a *virgin forest*>

5 a (1) : being used or worked for the first time (2) *of a metal* : produced directly from ore by primary smelting b : **INITIAL, FIRST**