

KEY INFORMATION AND FACTS

KEY VOCABULARY

puberty The time when your body begins to develop and change as you become an adult.

sexual reproduction The process where a living thing creates another organism like itself. In humans, a sperm cell from a male fertilises an egg from a female to produce a baby.

menstruation (period) When a woman has a period, she loses a small amount of blood each month.

sperm Single cells produced by male animals.

egg A cell that is produced in the body of female animals.

foetus An animal or human being in its later stages of development before it is born.

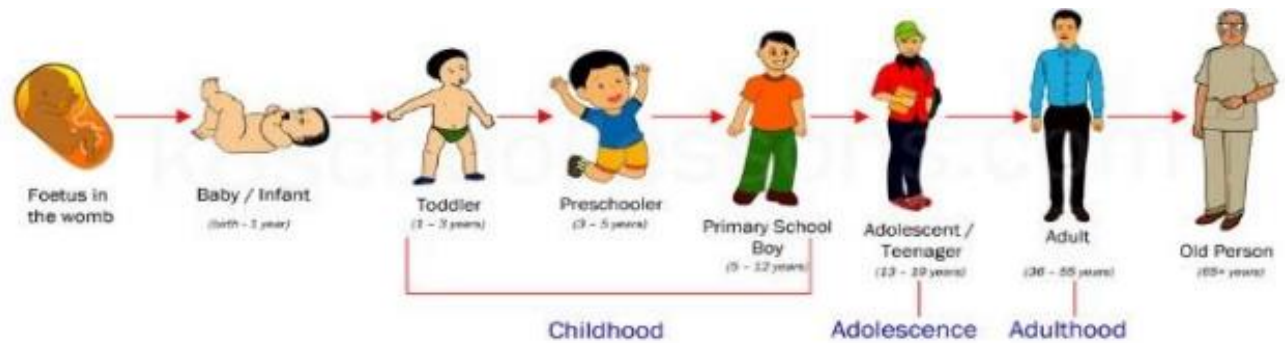
gestation The length of time a mammal carries her offspring inside her body before giving birth.

life expectancy The length of time that an animal is normally likely to live.

life cycle A life cycle is the different stages of life for a living thing.

mammal A warm-blooded vertebrate animal of a class that is distinguished by the possession of hair or fur, females that secrete milk for the nourishment of the young, and (typically) the birth of live young.

The Human Lifecycle



Humans go through a variety of changes as we grow and develop from birth through to old age.

Gestation Periods	
Species	Days
Asian Elephant	645
Cow	284
Human	266
Chimpanzee	227
Black Bear	210
Lion	108
Dog	63
Rabbit	33

Larger animals usually have longer gestation periods.

Puberty

Usually begins between the ages of 8-14 and the process can take up to 4 years. - During puberty the bodies of boys and girls begin to change physically. - Boys and girls can experience some mood changes during puberty.

Changes for girls - hair starts to grow on their bodies - breasts develop and hips widen - periods start.

Changes for boys - hair starts to grow on their bodies and faces - develop a deeper voice - testicles start to produce sperm.