



Animals Including Humans

Key Vocabulary

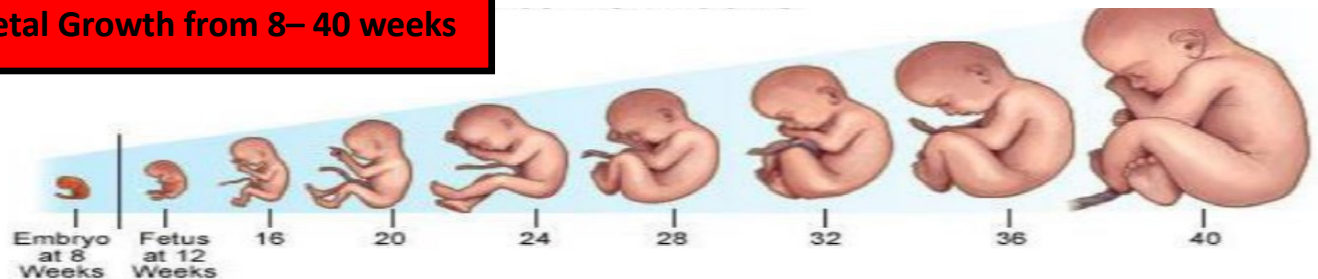
adolescent	the process of developing from a child into an adult (teenager)
adult	a person who is fully grown or developed
child	a young human being below the age of puberty
foetus	an unborn or unhatched offspring of a mammal
gestation	the process or period of developing inside the womb between conception and birth
reproduction	creating offspring by a sexual or asexual process
life expectancy	the average period that you may expect to live
fertilisation	the process of a male and female sex cells fusing together
prenatal	the stage of development between fertilisation and birth
puberty	a physical stage of development between childhood and adulthood
lifecycle	the changes a living thing goes through

Gestation Periods

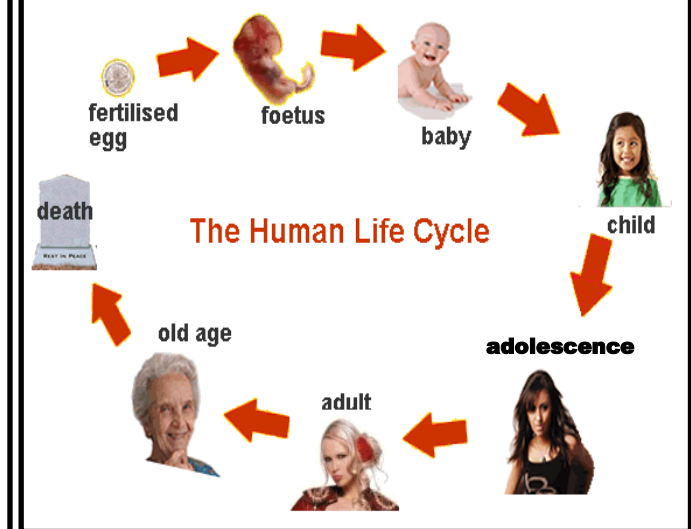
Gestation periods vary for most animals, depending on their species. There are many factors that impact on the length of gestation. These include: the size of the animal, temperature, habitat, number of eggs fertilised at one time and the average number of young produced over a lifetime.

Animal		Gestation
	HAMSTERS	15-17 days
	RATS	21 days
	RABBITS	31 days
	KANGAROOS	32-39 days
	SQUIRELS	44 days
	DOGS	60-63 days
	CATS	60-63 days
	SHEEP/GOATS	151 days
	PIGS	115 days

Fetal Growth from 8– 40 weeks



The Human Life Cycle



The major **stages of the human life cycle** include pregnancy, infancy, the toddler years, childhood, puberty, older adolescence, adulthood, middle age, and the senior years. Proper nutrition and exercise ensure health and wellness at each stage of **the human life cycle**.