



The Human Life Cycle



Baby

Toddler

Child

Teenager

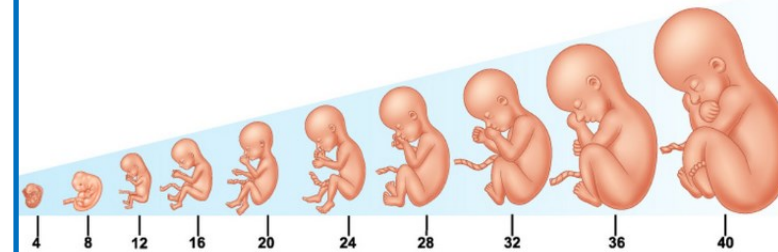
Adult

Senior

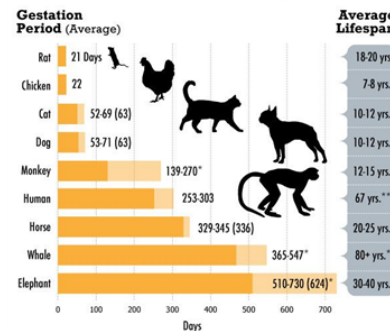
Key Vocabulary

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gestation	the process in which babies grow inside their mother's body before they are born.
foetus	an animal or human being in its later stages of development before it is born.
fertilisation	When a female egg and male reproductive cell (sperm) fuse to cause a pregnancy.
womb	the organ in the lower body of a woman or female mammal where offspring are conceived and in which they gestate before birth
puberty	Puberty is the change that happens in late childhood and adolescence where the body starts to change because of hormones.
development	the gradual growth or formation of something.
menstruation	A cycle of between 2-7 days where a woman's body prepares for the possible fertilisation of an egg.
reproduction	when an animal or plant produces one or more individuals similar to itself.

Fetal Growth From 4 to 40 Weeks



Various factors, such as size, determine the gestation period (pregnancy) for humans and other animals. A comparison among various species:



*1. Depending on kind
**2. Worldwide average life expectancy, as of 2011



There are lots of factors which can determine the gestation period for humans and other animals. For example: size
Scientists look for patterns in data to determine, for example, if there is a relationship between the mass of adult animal and the length of the gestation period? This is called working scientifically.