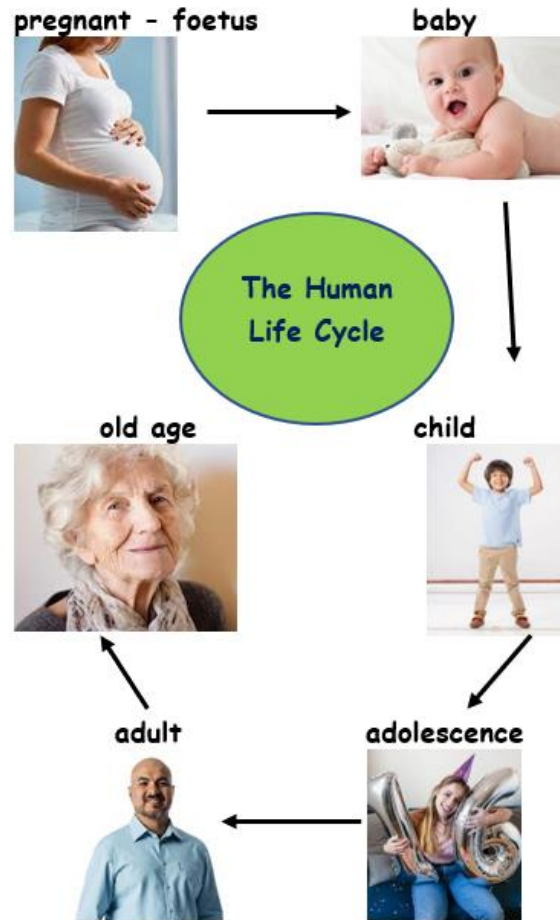


Animals Including Humans

Key Vocabulary

adolescent	The process of developing from a child into an adult
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.
Mammal	A warm-blooded animal (human) has hair/fur, provides milk and gives live birth.
Menstruation (period)	When a woman has a period, she loses a small amount of blood each month.
Puberty	The time when your body begins to develop and change as you become an adult.
Sperm	Single cells produced by male animals.
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.



The Human Life Cycle

BABY - Babies drink milk after they are born. They usually start eating solids when their teeth start to appear at about 6 months. Many can crawl by 9 months and begin to walk after they are 1. All babies are different and develop at different times.

CHILD - Running, talking and learning to read, write and count are all developing in a child. They are developing skills in sports, art and music as well as developing socially, emotionally, physically and psychologically.

ADOLESCENT - During the ages of 12-18, humans become more independent, begin puberty ready for reproduction and become ready for adulthood.

ADULTHOOD - The human body is at its physical peak of fitness and strength and can be completely independent. This is when most humans reproduce.

OLD AGE - Body declines in fitness and health from 60 years onwards and there is an increased dependence on others to look after them as time goes on. The life cycle ends when a human dies.

The gestation period of different animals. Larger animals usually have longer gestation than smaller animals.

Mammal	Gestation period in days
Cat	63
Chimpanzee	240
Lion	108
Human	266
Rabbit	31
Squirrel	44
African elephant	650
Whale	360
Horse	336
Polar bear	241
Giraffe	435
Mouse	21
Rhinoceros	480
Hamster	16
Dog	61
Camel	400