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Growth

Growth is the process of something increasing (getting bigger) in size.

Humans and other animals grow and get bigger as they get older.



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Development

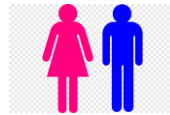
Development is a process and shows us the changes we see as we grow older.

We can look at development on a timeline, to show the main changes.



Puberty

Puberty is when a child's body begins to grow, change and develop as they become an adult. In human's puberty often takes place around 11-12 years.



Gestation

The **gestation** period, in mammals, is the time period between conception until birth, during which foetal development takes place in the uterus.



In humans, the gestation period takes approximately nine months. In other species of animals, the gestation period varies.



Reproduction

All animals reproduce. This means that they have offspring (e.g. humans have babies).

For example, mammals give birth to live young, whilst fish lay eggs.

All of these offspring must receive the basic needs of animals (such as food, water and shelter) to grow into adults.

When the offspring are fully grown and developed, they can reproduce.

So, the circle of life continues.



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