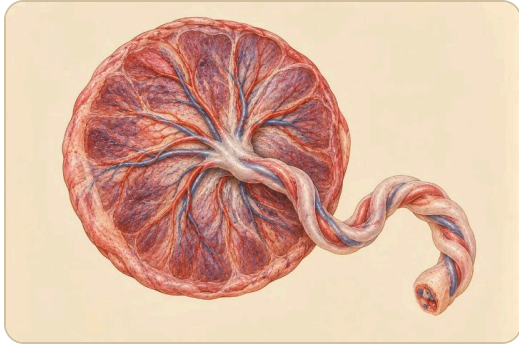


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How does a baby grow in the womb?



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A baby starts as a single cell formed from the father's and mother's cells. It divides many times and settles in the uterus. There, for about 9 months, the baby gets food and oxygen from the mother through a cord, the umbilical cord, until it is ready to be born.

1 Which part is it? Use the words in the box.

Ovaries

Fallopian tubes

Uterus (womb)

1. Inside here, the father's cell meets the mother's cell and forms the baby's first cell.
2. About once a month, an ovary releases one of the mother's cells, the egg.
3. It is where the baby grows. Here it is shown at its normal size, without a pregnancy; during pregnancy it stretches until it fills the big belly.

2 Match each part to what it does. Write the letter.

- ☐ 1. Cervix
- ☐ 2. Birth canal
- ☐ 3. Ligaments
- ☐ 4. Bladder

- A.** Protecting the baby and opening at birth
- B.** Holding the uterus
- C.** Where the baby can be born
- D.** Gets squeezed in pregnancy

3 True or false? Write T or F.

- ☐ 1. **Fallopian tubes:** forming the baby's passage
- ☐ 2. **Ovaries:** releasing the egg
- ☐ 3. **Uterus (womb):** holding the baby during pregnancy
- ☐ 4. **Pelvis:** where it all begins

4 Think and answer

How long does pregnancy last?



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2. T
3. T
4. F (Pelvis: forming the baby's passage)

4 Think and answer

About 40 weeks, or roughly 9 months. Babies born before 37 weeks are called premature.

