

Key Vocabulary

prenatal	Prenatal means before birth. In humans, this stage lasts on average nine months or 40 weeks.	life expectancy	The length of time, on average, that a particular animal is expected to live.
adolescent	The time of a human's life when they are growing from a child into an adult. These are also called teenagers.	growth rate	The speed in which something gets bigger.
develop	To grow or change gradually.	childhood	The time that a human spends as a child.
chronological order	The order in which things happened, sometimes described as 'time order'.	adulthood	The time that a human spends as an adult.

Key Knowledge

The human life cycle is baby > child > adolescent > adult > elderly.
Humans grow and change in different ways in these stages: physically, emotionally and mentally.

Human **growth rate** is the fastest during the time humans are infants (0-3 years old) and during **puberty**.

Gestation is the time when a foetus is growing inside a womb. Different animals have gestation periods of different lengths. Scientists look for patterns in the gestation periods of different animals. They might look at the size or mass of the animals to consider if this has an effect on the length of the gestation period.

