

# HUMAN GROWTH & CHANGE

## Vocabulary

**Embryo:** A newly fertilised egg in the womb. **Foetus:** An unborn baby that has developed from an embryo. **Childhood:** Age span ranging from birth to adolescence. **Adolescence:** When a child develops into an adult. **Puberty:** The time during which adolescents reach maturity and are capable of reproduction. **Hormones:** Substances in our blood that influence our mood. **Life span:** The length of time something lives for.

## Human Growth

- It takes a foetus about 40 weeks to develop in the womb. During that time the fertilised egg becomes an embryo and then a foetus.
- When a baby is born it is completely helpless but it grows steadily and becomes more independent.
- A child then experiences puberty, where they become an adolescent who is capable of reproducing themselves.
- At the end of middle age, females are no longer able to reproduce.
- The last stage of a human's life is old age when they are more dependent on support from others.



## Human Development and Growth

