



Key Vocabulary

infancy	rapid growth and development. Children learn to walk and talk
childhood	Children learn new skills and become more independent.
puberty	When the human body changes as they move from childhood to adulthood
adulthood	early- the human body is at its peak of fitness. middle-ability to reproduce decreases. Hair might turn grey and fall out. late- leading a healthy lifestyle can slow down the decline in fitness and health.
gestation	The length of time a mammal carries her offspring inside her body before giving birth.
life cycle	The changes a living thing goes through including reproduction

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

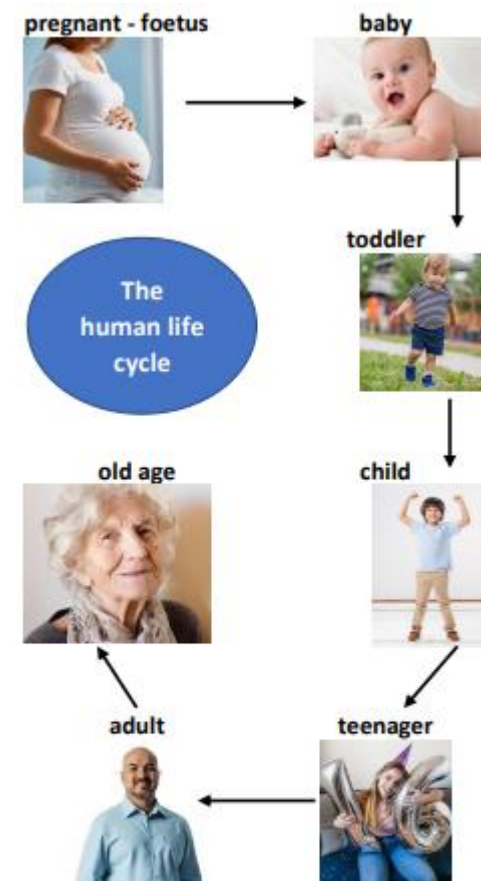
The gestation period of different animals. Larger animals usually have longer gestation than smaller animals.

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Humans go through a variety of changes as we grow and develop from birth through to old age.