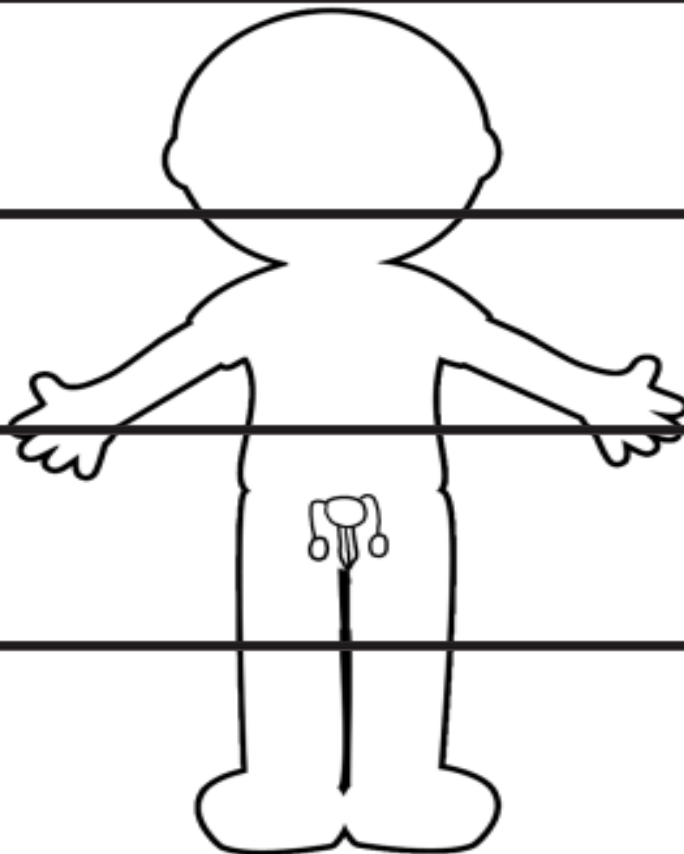
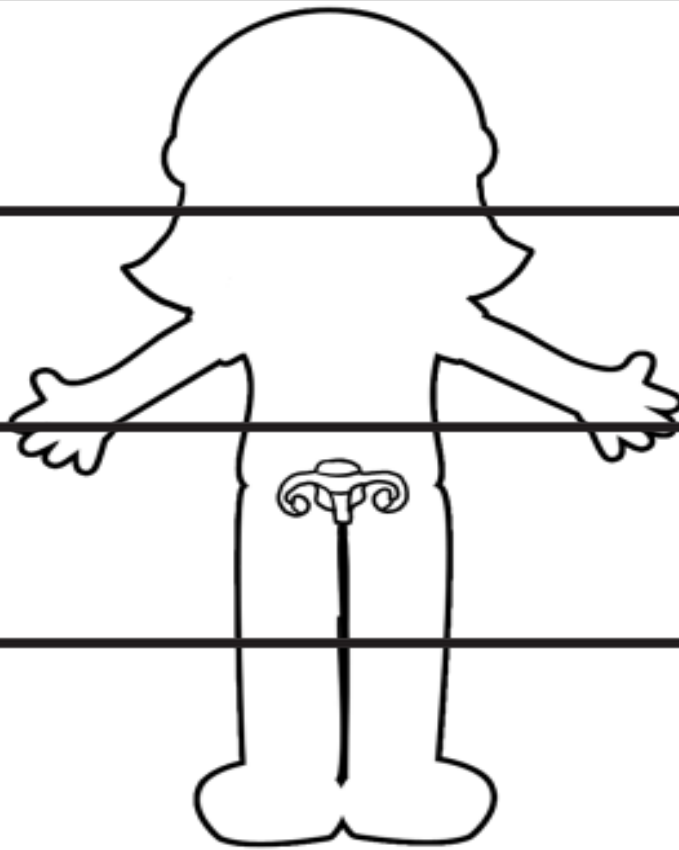
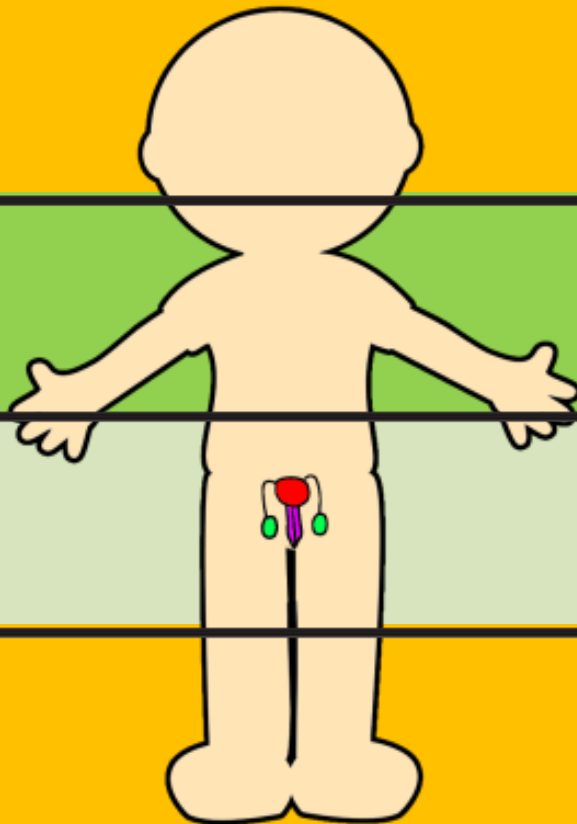
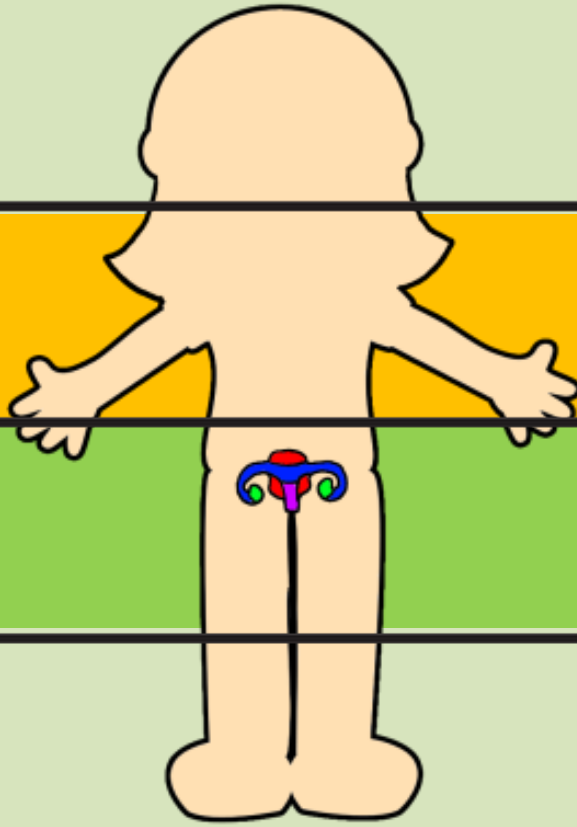


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**fertilize**

**meiosis**

**egg**

**sperm**

**female**

**ovaries**

**uterus**

**testes**

**cervix**

**estrogen**

**vagina**

**urethra**

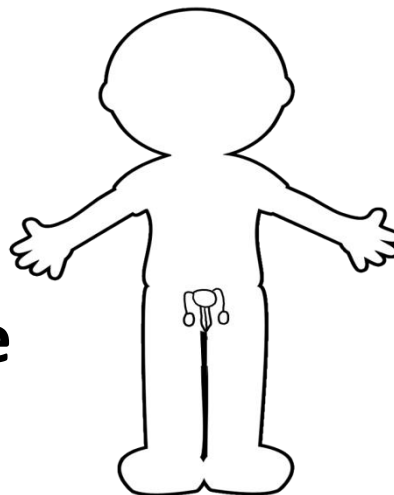
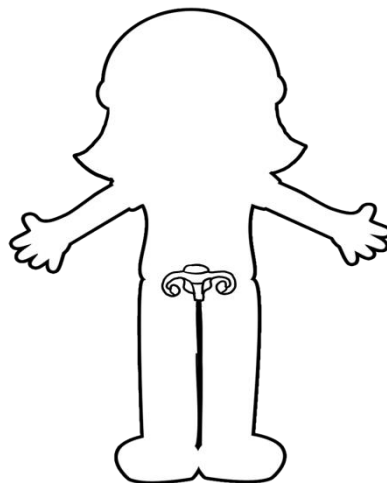
**menstrual cycle**

**fallopian tubes**

**chromosomes**

**prostate gland**

**epididymis**



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Fill in the blanks. Cut out and paste under the flaps in any order.

All living things create more of their kind by a process called reproduction. This happens the same basic way in humans as it does in other animals. Males are needed to \_\_\_\_\_ an egg in females. When the egg is fertilized, it begins to grow into a new baby.

There are five main parts to the \_\_\_\_\_ reproductive system. The \_\_\_\_\_ produce one egg every 28 days. When an \_\_\_\_\_ is produced, it is released into the oviduct, also called the fallopian tube. This process is call ovulation. The fallopian tube connects the ovaries to the uterus. A baby grows from a fertilized egg in the \_\_\_\_\_.

During pregnancy, the \_\_\_\_\_ stays closed. At birth it opens to allow the baby to be pushed out of the uterus. A new baby passes out of the uterus and cervix and through the \_\_\_\_\_ to the outside world during birth. The vagina is also called the birth canal.

The egg release cycle, called the \_\_\_\_\_, lasts about 28 days. On day one of the cycle, thick blood starts to build on the lining of the uterus. The thick blood lining is rich in nutrients to nourish a fertilized egg. On day 14, an egg is released into the \_\_\_\_\_. It is during days 14 through 20 that the egg could be fertilized.

A fertilized egg would then implant into the lining of the uterus and begin to develop into a baby. If the egg is not fertilized, the uterus lining breaks down and is discharged through the vagina during the last week of the cycle. The menstrual cycle then repeats. The cycle is controlled mainly by the sex hormones called \_\_\_\_\_ and progesterone.

In the male, the testes produce millions of microscopic sperm cells every day. The vas deferens is a tube carrying the sperm from the \_\_\_\_\_ and epididymis out of the body. The \_\_\_\_\_ stores the sperm until moved out of the body. The penis contains the \_\_\_\_\_ tube that sperm pass through as they leave the body at ejaculation.

The \_\_\_\_\_ secretes fluid, called semen, that nourishes and protects sperm as they are expelled from your body. When a male joins a female, the sperm enter the female. Millions of \_\_\_\_\_ swim to find the one egg in the fallopian tube. When one sperm finds and enters the egg, a new baby is conceived and begins to develop.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a unique method of cell division required to produce egg and sperm cells for sexual reproduction. It reduces the number of chromosomes by half in the parent cell. When the sperm and egg unite to form a single cell, the full number of \_\_\_\_\_ is restored to begin forming a new baby.