

# Families and committed relationships

# Starting a family



### Today we will be learning about:

• human reproduction - how babies are made.

#### We will be able to:

- dispel myths about human reproduction
- explain the facts of human reproduction.

Today's words			
sexual intercourse	sperm	egg	sex
fertilise	pregnant	foetus	adopt
conception	IV	<b>/</b> F	Caesarean section

We all start the same way, through sexual intercourse, or sex.

Sexual intercourse to make a baby is when a male penis goes inside the female vagina. Sperm are released from the penis and race to find an egg to fertilise inside the female ovaries.







Only one sperm can fertilise the egg.



The egg divides into two cells.

These cells then divide again and again to create a foetus.

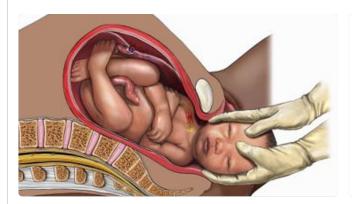


A baby is called a foetus when it is inside its mother.

The foetus grows for nine months (40 weeks) inside the womb, and is fed through the umbilical cord.



A baby is born either vaginally (through the vagina) or using an operation called a Caesarean (or C-section).



Vaginal birth



**C-section**The red dots show where the incision is made.
This can vary depending on the position of the baby.

#### **IVF**

Some couples can't make a baby naturally, so they might choose a medical process called IVF.

During IVF, eggs are collected from the female ovaries and fertilised by the male sperm in a lab.

The fertilised egg is then placed back into the mother's body so she can grow a baby inside her.



# **Adoption**

Some people or couples choose to adopt a child.

Adoption is when an adult or adults become parents to a child who was not born to them.

An adult has to legally adopt a child for the child to be theirs.



### **Question box**

If you have any questions, please post them in the question box.

#### Remember:

- No question is a silly question.
- Nobody will be in trouble for asking a question about this topic.
- If you don't have a question, please write 'no question' and post that in the box.
- All questions will be answered, either during this lesson or during the next one.

## Plenary

Any more questions?

Who can you talk to if you want to know more?