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*Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.*

### Female

<b>areola</b> .....	a ring of color around the nipple of the breast
<b>clitoris</b> .....	the sexually responsive organ in the female genitals
<b>estrogen</b> .....	a female sex hormone
<b>labia majora</b> .....	the outer folds of skin of the external female genitals
<b>labia minora</b> .....	the inner folds of skin of the external female genitals
<b>menstrual cycle</b> .....	the time from the beginning of one menstrual period to the onset of the next
<b>menstruation</b> .....	the process of passing off the lining of the uterus
<b>ovaries</b> .....	the two reproductive glands in females that produce egg cells and female sex hormones
<b>progesterone</b> .....	a female sex hormone
<b>uterus</b> .....	a hollow, muscular pear-shaped organ in females where a fertilized egg will grow; also called the <i>womb</i>
<b>vagina</b> .....	a muscular, very elastic tube in females that serves as a passageway for childbirth, semen, and menstrual flow; also called the <i>birth canal</i>
<b>vulva</b> .....	the external female genitals

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## Male

- circumcise** ..... to remove the skin covering the head of a penis
- ejaculation** ..... the discharge or ejection of semen from the penis
- epididymis** ..... a large coiled tube in males that is located at the outer surface of each testicle; stores sperm after they are produced
- erection** ..... the penis in a rigid or stiff state
- penis** ..... the external organ of the male reproductive system
- scrotum** ..... the external sac in males that holds the testicles
- semen** ..... the whitish mixture of sperm and fluids from the male reproductive glands; also called *seminal fluid*
- sperm** ..... the male reproductive cell; fertilizes a female egg cell
- testicles** ..... two small reproductive glands in males that produce sperm and the male hormone testosterone; also called *testes*
- testosterone** ..... the male sex hormone
- vas deferens** ..... a long tube in males that connects the epididymis to the urethra

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## Female and Male

<b>adolescence</b> .....	the period of life during which a person changes from a child to an adult
<b>embryo</b> .....	an organism in the early stages of development
<b>fertilize</b> .....	to join an egg cell and a sperm
<b>hormones</b> .....	chemicals that cause changes in the body
<b>masturbation</b> .....	the stimulation of one's own genitals to reach orgasm
<b>nocturnal emissions</b> .....	ejaculations that take place during sleep; also called <i>wet dreams</i>
<b>orgasm</b> .....	the physical and emotional sensation felt at the peak or the end of a sexual act
<b>pituitary gland</b> .....	the master gland that releases hormones
<b>puberty</b> .....	the period of life during which males and females become sexually developed and able to produce offspring
<b>sexual intercourse</b> .....	genital contact between individuals; sexual contact with vagina, penis, anus, or mouth
<b>urethra</b> .....	a narrow tube leading from the bladder through which urine passes out of the body; in the male, it also connects with the vas deferens