

THE FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM (SE-9)

DIRECTIONS: Using the sixteen words provided, fill in the blanks to make this explanation of the female reproductive system correct. Each word will be used only once.

cervix
clitoris
egg cells
estrogen
Fallopian tubes
hymen
labia
menstruation

ovaries
ovulation
ovum
progesterone
puberty
sperm cell
uterus
vagina

First, _____ are produced in two almond-shaped organs known as the _____. During the process of _____, a mature egg (_____) is released and enters one of two _____. For a few days the egg cell travels towards the pear-shaped _____. The lining of this organ thickens in preparation for a fertilized egg. If the egg is not fertilized by the male _____, it will leave the body together with the lining of the uterus and a small amount of blood. This is called _____.

The lower portion of the uterus is called the _____ and is a common site of cancer in women. The female organ of intercourse is the _____. A circular fold of skin is usually present at the entrance to this organ and is called the _____. Outside of this organ are folds of skin covered with pubic hair known as the _____. Between these skin folds is a small, round, sensitive area of skin called the _____.

The development of the reproductive system is triggered by the hormones _____ and _____, which cause many physical changes in a girl. This period of change is called _____.