

The Female Reproductive System

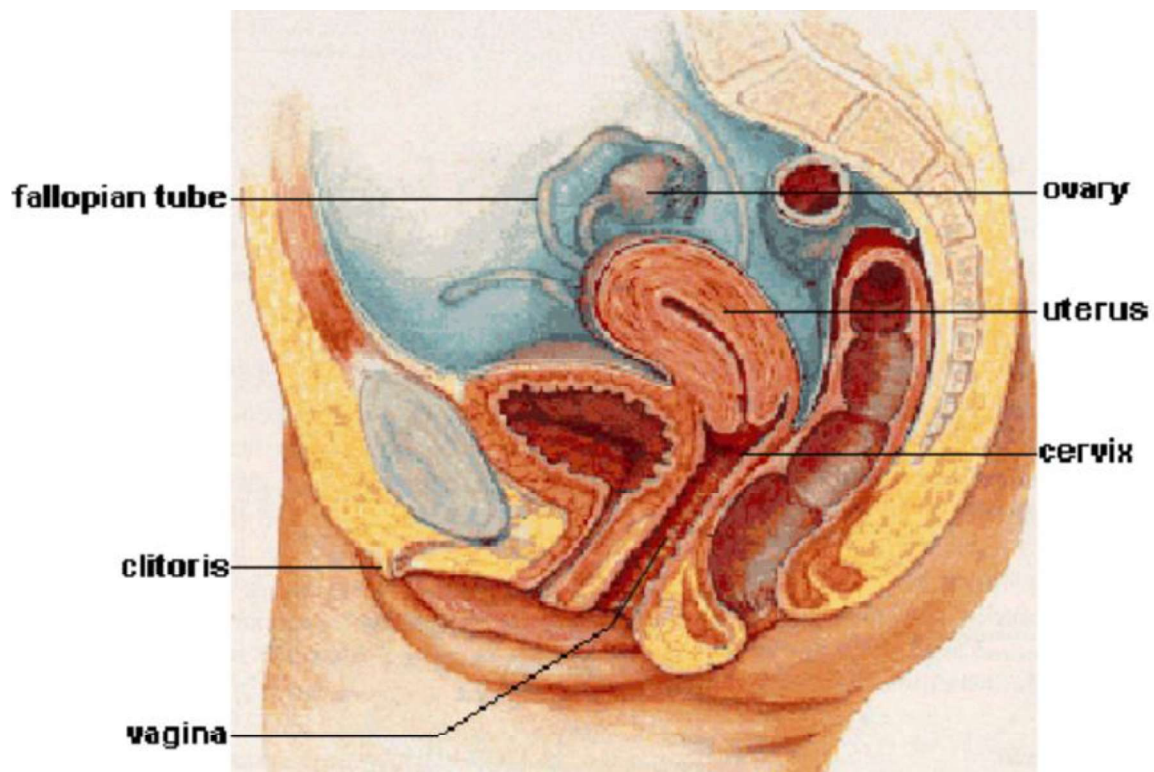
Puzzle – Answer Key

With your group, correctly fill in the blanks in the description of the female reproductive system below. Use each word from the vocabulary list only once. Use the bolded words to correctly fill in the blanks in the female anatomy illustration below.

cervix	fallopian tubes	ovulation	progesterone
clitoris	fertilized	menstruation	sperm cell
corpus	hymen	ovaries	uterine wall
egg cells	labia	ovum	uterus
estrogen	lining	puberty	vagina

The reproductive system in a girl begins to mature during a period of time known as **puberty**. Two hormones: **estrogen** and **progesterone**, are instrumental in bringing this process about. The female reproductive system contains two almond-shaped organs called the **ovaries**. This is where the **egg cells** are produced. Approximately once a month, a mature egg, or **ovum**, is released and enters one of the **fallopian tubes**. This process is known as **ovulation**. The egg flows down toward the **uterus**, where, if it has been **fertilized**, it will attach to the **uterine wall**. If the egg is not fertilized by the male **sperm cell**, it will leave the body along with the **lining** of the uterus and a small amount of blood. This process is called **menstruation**. The uterus (womb) is a hollow, pear-shaped organ where the developing fetus resides. The uterus has two parts: the **cervix**, which is the lower part that opens into the vagina, and the main part of the uterus, called the **corpus**, which can easily expand to hold the developing baby. A channel through the cervix allows sperm to enter and menstrual blood to exit.

The **vagina** is the organ where intercourse occurs. A thin membrane of skin located at the entrance to this organ is called the **hymen**. The outside of the organ consisting of two folds of skin (located on either side of the entrance) is called the **labia**. A small, round and sensitive area of skin between these folds and at the top is known as the **clitoris**.



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