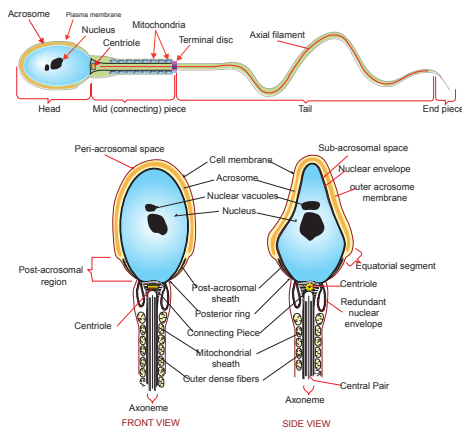


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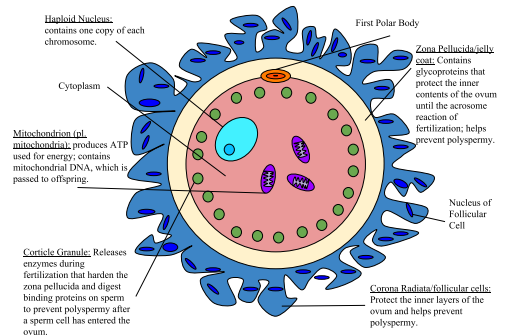
Humans are, like most mammals, dimorphic. This means that the two sexes, male and female, have characteristics that are different. These differences are caused by different sex chromosomes. Females have XX chromosomes while males have XY. On average, males are taller and weigh more than females. A female grows larger breasts which have the function of providing milk to an infant. Meanwhile, men have an "Adam's apple," a round bulge on the throat, while women don't. Men and women are most different below the waist. These are the organs that are utilized in reproduction. In addition, men tend to be stronger due to greater muscle mass. Testosterone tends to make males not only stronger, but more aggressive and violent as well. There are other, more subtle, physical differences as well. Men and women have psychological and emotional differences as well.

Check the above bold, read the paragraph, then brainstorm more vocabulary below.



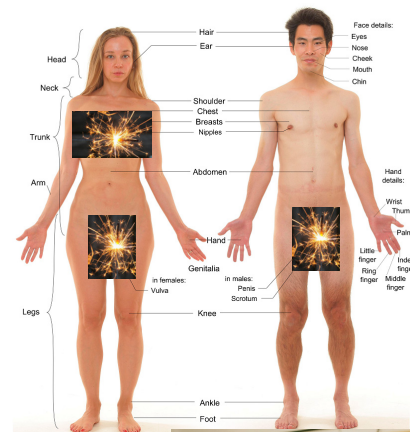
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estrogen



sperm

embryo



fetus

pregnancy



Writing and Learning about Human Sexuality

First Listening: Listen to sentences about the pictures. Try to catch the main point.

Second and Third Listeners: Listen and write as much as possible.

Human Sexuality Q & A



1. Which of your parents is taller? Heavier? Stronger? If you have an opposite sex sibling, compare with them.
2. Think about puberty, the period when you changed from a child to a man or woman. Was going through puberty difficult for you? If so, why?
3. How do you feel about possibly having children someday? Does the idea appeal to you?
4. If you ever raise a child, would you prefer a son or a daughter? Why?

5. Do you enjoy love songs and love stories? Discuss some examples.