



How does a new baby grow?



Human beings are viviparous. The baby develops inside the mother's uterus. This process is called **gestation**.



The first organ to form is the heart. The last organs to form are the lungs because the baby does not breathe oxygen until it is born.

The baby is tiny. It develops inside the mother's uterus.

First the placenta forms. This transports oxygen and nutrients from the mother to the baby.

The main body systems form so the new baby can survive in the outside world.

The baby is about 50 centimetres long and is ready to be born.



after a few weeks



at three months



at six months



at nine months



1 Listen and read. Then write the correct answers in your notebook.



a. Gestation lasts about **six / nine / twelve** months.



b. The placenta transports **blood / water / nutrients and oxygen** to the baby.



c. The heart forms first because it transports **blood / water / nutrients and oxygen** around the baby's body.