Order these stages of development (1, 2 or 3) and then write the names using the words in the box:

EMBRYO	ZYGOTE	FETUS

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Match:

a) fertilisation

b) pregnancy

c) birth

1. The process by which a fetus is expelled from its mother's uterus.
2. The process of a sperm cell joining with an egg cell in the fallopian tubes.
3. The process of the development of a fetus inside its mother's uterus.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Write F (fertilisation), P (pregnancy) or B (birth):

a) The placenta provides the fetus with nutrients and oxygen. ___

b) The sperm cells use their tails to swim into the uterus and up the fallopian tubes. ___

c) Little by little, the baby is expelled, head first, through the vagina. ___

d) The walls of the uterus contract. ___

e) The zygote divides many times and forms an embryo. ___

f) The amniotic fluid supports the fetus and protects it. ___

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Match to make sentences about health in pregnancy:

a) Pregnant women should...
b) It is important to have...
c) Blood and urine tests...
d) An ultrasound scan is...
e) It is also important to do...

... regular check-ups with the doctor.
... plenty of exercise.
... used to check the fetus's development.
... eat lots of fruit and vegetables.
... can help doctors detect problems.

a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Match:

a) Caesarean section

b) Ultrasound scan

c) In-vitro fertilisation

d) Amniocentesis

1. problems having babies
2. analysis of amniotic fluid to detect abnormalities
3. breech birth
4. check the development of the fetus

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Select the correct option:

Sometimes, people find it hard to have babies.

In-vitro fertilisation / Amniocentesis is a procedure that involves joining the male and female reproductive cells outside the woman's body, in a computer / laboratory . If fertilisation / pollination occurs, the zygote is placed inside the woman's uterus / stomach . There it can then grow and develop into a fetus.

Problems can occur during birth.

One of these problems is a breech birth / section . In these cases, doctors usually perform a Caesarean birth / section . They cut a small opening through the lower abdomen and the wall of the uterus / vagina . The fetus is extracted through this opening, instead of through the mother's vagina.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE? Correct the false ones:

In in-vitro fertilisation, the fetus grows in a laboratory until its birth.

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A Caesarean section is often used during breech births.

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An ultrasound scan is sometimes painful for the mother and the fetus.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS