

**Family Life and Human Sexuality  
Vocabulary Resource List  
FEMALE**

1. **Adolescence** - the stage of life between childhood and adulthood when puberty begins.
2. **Cervix** - opening of the uterus.
3. **Clitoris** - sensitive area within the female's reproductive system.
4. **Estrogen** - a female sex hormone that produces female secondary sex characteristics and effects the menstrual cycle
5. **Fallopian tubes** - carry the egg from the ovaries to the uterus.
6. **Fertilization** -the union of a male sperm and a female egg.
7. **Hormones** - chemical substances made and released in one part of the body that cause a change in another part of the body.
8. **Hymen** - a membrane that partially covers the entrance to the vagina.
9. **Labia** - the two folds of skin on the outside of the female.
10. **Menstruation** - flow of the uterine lining material out of the female.
11. **Ova** - the egg cell.
12. **Ovary** - stores the ova (egg) and hormones that cause the eggs to mature.
13. **Ovulation** - when the ovaries release one mature egg cell each month.
14. **Progesterone** - a hormone that prepares the uterus for the fertilized ovum and maintains pregnancy.
15. **Puberty** - the life development stage when sex organs mature into adulthood.
16. **Urethra** - small tube used for urination.
17. **Uterus** - shelters and nourishes the fetus.
18. **Vagina** - muscular passageway from the uterus to outside the body.
19. **Vulva** - the outer part of the female genital organs.

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