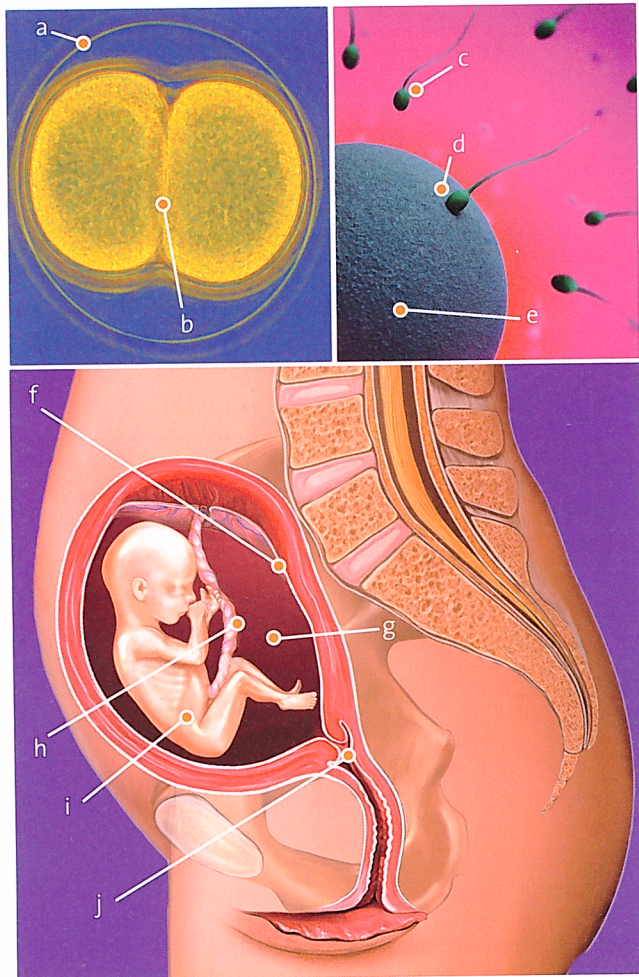


# 3 Obstetrics

## Scrub up

1 Work in pairs. Find the following features in the pictures. Write a–j.

- 1 amniotic fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 cell division \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 embryo \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 fertilization \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 foetus \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 ovum \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 amniotic sac \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 sperm \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 umbilical cord \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 cervix \_\_\_\_\_



2 Describe what is happening in each picture.

3 Discuss at what stages of pregnancy you think the following events happen. For each one, choose a number of weeks from those below.

number of weeks: 3 7 12 18 22 34

- a The lowest number of weeks at which a premature baby can survive. \_\_\_\_\_
- b The foetus's fine covering of hair, called lanugo, begins to disappear. \_\_\_\_\_
- c Arm buds and a tail are visible. \_\_\_\_\_
- d The embryo measures 30 mm in length. \_\_\_\_\_
- e Male and female genitals appear well differentiated. \_\_\_\_\_
- f The foetal heartbeat can be heard with a stethoscope. \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary

### Verbs for pregnancy and childbirth

1 Read Marie's birth story quickly. What complication was there with her birth?

We started *trying for / making*<sup>1</sup> a baby three years ago. When I didn't *get / go*<sup>2</sup> pregnant after two years, we *made / had*<sup>3</sup> tests, which showed that my husband had a low sperm count. We had IVE, and six weeks later I found I was *waiting for / expecting*<sup>4</sup> a baby. I was nervous when I *had / did*<sup>5</sup> my scan at twelve weeks, but everything was fine.

My waters broke in the middle of the night and I *went into / entered*<sup>6</sup> labour a couple of hours later. The midwife *made / did*<sup>7</sup> a vaginal examination and found that the baby was breech. I'd thought about a home birth, but was now glad I was *having / giving*<sup>8</sup> birth in hospital. As it turned out, though, the medical team weren't needed. The midwife *made / put*<sup>9</sup> a small cut and I managed to *push out / remove*<sup>10</sup> the baby's legs and torso fairly easily – it was a girl! Then I *made / gave*<sup>11</sup> a big push and the head came out. Lilia *gave birth / was born*<sup>12</sup> at 6.28 p.m. I was sobbing as the midwife *handed / delivered*<sup>13</sup> her to me.

2 Underline the correct form of the verbs in *italics*.

3 Tell a true story about a pregnancy and birth.