

THIRD TRIMESTER FETAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME _____

WORD BANK:

- 19 - 21
- Activity
- Baby
- Breathing
- Eighteen
- Four-five
- Five
- Hardening
- Head
- Immunity
- Incubator
- Kick
- Lanugo
- Less
- Man
- Maturing
- More
- Noise
- Old
- Premature
- Rocks
- Six-nine
- Sixteen
- Sucking
- Two-three
- Vernix
- Weight
- Wrinkled

SEVENTH MONTH

The fetus is _____ inches long and weighs _____ pounds. A baby born now would be _____ but could survive in an _____. The chances of survival increase as birth _____ increases. The fetus begins to sleep after many hours of _____, similar to sleep patterns after birth. The fetal _____ is down. The fetus will _____ the mother if she lies on her back because her backbone makes it feel to the fetus like lying on _____. The fetus looks _____ and red. The fetus becomes used to hearing the mother's heartbeat and will be startled if it hears a sudden loud _____.

EIGHTH MONTH

The fetus is about _____ inches long and weighs _____ pounds. The fuzzy _____ disappears from the face. It is capable of hiccupping, coughing, and _____ its thumb. The mother may experience difficulty in _____ as the fetus grows up to the rib cage. The lungs are _____ and the bones are _____. If born this month, the infant under _____ pounds would still be considered premature but would have an excellent chance of survival.

NINTH MONTH

In the final month the fetus length averages from _____ inches and weighs _____ pounds. It now looks more like a _____ than a wrinkled _____. The slick _____ disappears from the skin surface. When born, the baby will have temporary _____ to infections and diseases passed on in the womb from the mother's blood. The fetus is now _____ active due to lack of space, while the mother feels _____ comfortable because the unborn baby settles down into the pelvis. Birth is imminent.

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SEVENTH MONTH

The fetus is SIXTEEN inches long and weighs TWO-THREE pounds. A baby born now would be PREMATURE but could survive in an INCUBATOR. The chances of survival increase as birth WEIGHT increases. The fetus begins to sleep after many hours of ACTIVITY, similar to sleep patterns after birth. The fetal HEAD is down. The fetus will KICK the mother if she lies on her back because her backbone makes it feel to the fetus like lying on ROCKS. The fetus looks WRINKLED and red. The fetus becomes used to hearing the mother's heartbeat and will be startled if it hears a sudden loud NOISE.

EIGHTH MONTH

The fetus is about EIGHTEEN inches long and weighs FOUR - FIVE pounds. The fuzzy LANUGO disappears from the face. It is capable of hiccupping, coughing, and SUCKING its thumb. The mother may experience difficulty in BREATHING as the fetus grows up to the rib cage. The lungs are MATURING and the bones are HARDENING. If born this month, the infant under FIVE pounds would still be considered premature but would have an excellent chance of survival.

NINTH MONTH

In the final month the fetus length averages from 19 -21 inches and weighs SIX - NINE pounds. It now looks more like a BABY than a wrinkled OLD MAN. The slick VERNIX disappears from the skin surface. When born, the baby will have temporary IMMUNITY to infections and diseases passed on in the womb from the mother's blood. The fetus is now LESS active due to lack of space, while the mother feels MORE comfortable because the unborn baby settles down into the pelvis. Birth is imminent.