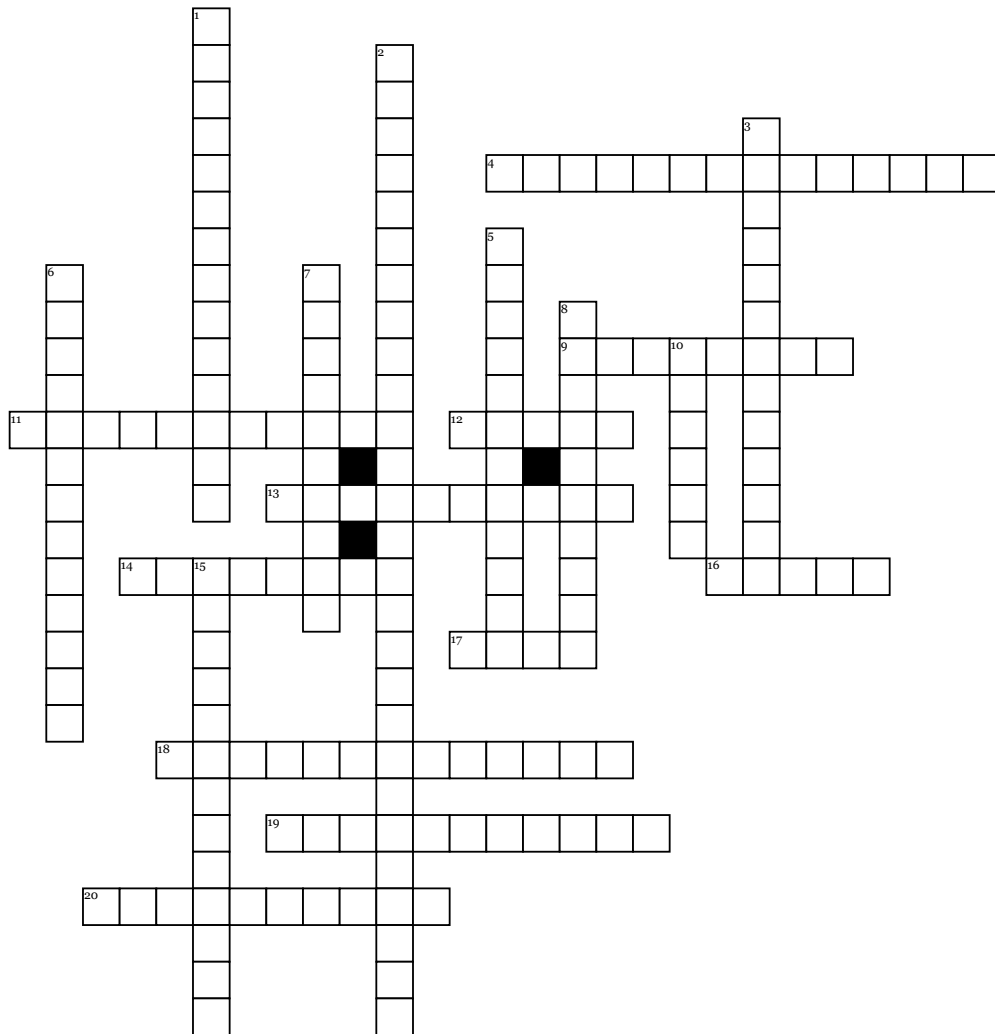


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# Pregnancy Vocabulary



## Across

**4.** something you receive from your parents, grandparents, or other family members

**9.** the passing on of physical or mental characteristics genetically from one generation to another

**11.** the expulsion of a fetus from the womb before it is able to survive independently, especially spontaneously or as the result of accident

**12.** the process of childbirth, especially the period from the start of uterine contractions to delivery

**13.** the action of conceiving a child or of a child being conceived

**14.** a flattened circular organ in the uterus of pregnant eutherian mammals, nourishing and maintaining the fetus through the umbilical cord

**16.** an unborn offspring of a mammal, in particular an unborn human baby more than eight weeks after conception

**17.** a unit of heredity that is transferred from a parent to offspring and is held to determine some characteristic of the offspring

**18.** a characteristic or trait that produces a phenotype that is a result of an environmental influence

**19.** the fluid-filled sac that contains and protects a fetus in the womb

**20.** the placenta and fetal membranes discharged from the uterus after the birth of offspring

## Down

**1.** a birth that takes place more than three weeks before the baby's estimated due date

**2.** are features that appear during puberty in humans

**3.** a gene that can be masked by a dominant gene

**5.** are a result of dominant alleles in chromosomes

**6.** the action or process of fertilizing an egg, female animal, or plant, involving the fusion of male and female gametes to form a zygote

**7.** sound or other vibrations having an ultrasonic frequency, particularly as used in medical imaging

**8.** a threadlike structure of nucleic acids and protein found in the nucleus of most living cells, carrying genetic information in the form of genes

**10.** an unborn or unhatched offspring in the process of development, in particular a human offspring during the period from approximately the second to the eighth week after fertilization

**15.** the sampling of amniotic fluid using a hollow needle inserted into the uterus, to screen for developmental abnormalities in a fetus

## Word Bank

Acquired Trait

Inherited Trait

Dominant gene

Placenta

Ultrasound

Conception

Embryo

Amniocentesis

Fetus

Recessive gene

Amniotic sac

Fertilization

Heredity

Premature birth

Afterbirth

Miscarriage

Gene

Chromosome

Secondary sex characteristics

Labor