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Reproduction in Plants

Plants reproduce both asexually (e.g. via cuttings, runners, budding — without gametes) and sexually (via flowers). In sexual reproduction: **pollination** is the transfer of pollen from the anther to the stigma of a flower (by wind, insects, water, or other agents); **fertilisation** is the fusion of male and female gametes to form a zygote, which develops into a seed; the ovary develops into a fruit. **Seed dispersal** (by wind, water, animals, or explosive mechanisms) spreads seeds away from the parent plant, reducing competition and enabling colonisation of new areas.

Human Reproductive Systems

The **male reproductive system** includes the testes (produce sperm and testosterone), vas deferens, and penis. The **female reproductive system** includes the ovaries (produce eggs/ova and hormones), fallopian tubes (site of fertilisation), uterus (where the embryo develops), and vagina.

Gamete Formation

Sperm (male gametes) are produced continuously in the testes from puberty onward; eggs (female gametes) are typically released one at a time from the ovaries during each menstrual cycle, a process called **ovulation**.

Fertilisation, Pregnancy, and Embryo Development

Fertilisation occurs when a sperm fuses with an egg in the fallopian tube, forming a zygote, which implants in the uterus and develops into an embryo, then a foetus, over the course of pregnancy (about 9 months in humans), nourished via the placenta.

The Menstrual Cycle

The **menstrual cycle** (about 28 days) involves the thickening of the uterine lining in preparation for a possible pregnancy; if fertilisation does not occur, the lining is shed as menstruation, and the cycle repeats.

Reproductive Health and Birth Control

Reproductive health includes awareness of the reproductive process, hygiene, and prevention of sexually transmitted infections. **Birth control (contraceptive) methods** — such as barrier methods (condoms), hormonal methods, and others — are used to prevent unintended pregnancy and, in some cases, protect against infections.