

Appendix G: Teachers' Glossary

for grades 4-6

Alternative = option, one of the possibilities between which you might choose

Anus = the opening in the body from which a person defecates or makes a bowel movement (poops)

Cervix = the narrow opening of the uterus into the vagina, through which the period flows and which can expand to allow a baby to be born

Circumcision = a surgical procedure to remove the foreskin of the penis

Clitoris = the sensitive organ in a woman's body that gets erect when she feels sexual feelings, a little bump at the front of the labia

Consequence = result, effect, outcome

Considerate = kind, thoughtful about other people's rights and feelings

Ejaculation = semen coming out of the penis

Erection = the penis or clitoris filling with blood and getting larger

Exploitation = one person using another to get something they want, without regard for that person's feelings

Fallopian Tube = the passageway between the ovaries and the uterus (a woman has two of these)

Fertilization = the combining of a sperm cell and an egg cell

Genitals = the outside parts of a person's reproductive system (a man's or boy's penis and scrotum and a girl's or woman's labia and clitoris)

Implantation = a fertilized egg nesting in the uterus to start growing for 9 months

Labia = the folds of skin on the outside of the body that protect the openings to a girl's or woman's urethra and vagina

Menstruation = having a period

Nocturnal Emission = semen coming out of the penis during sleep

Ovary = the organ where (1) egg cells are stored and (2) female hormones are produced (a woman has two of these)

Ovulation = the release of a mature egg cell from an ovary

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Ovum = the “egg” cell from a woman that can start a pregnancy (when combined with a cell from a man)

Penis = the sensitive organ in a man’s body that gets erect when he feels sexual feelings, and through which the urethra passes

Pituitary = a gland in the brain that helps trigger the beginning of puberty

Privacy = not being seen, freedom to decide what others will see or know about you

Prostate Gland = the organ in a man’s body that makes most of the semen

Puberty = a child’s body and feelings and relationships beginning to change into those of an adult

Scrotum = the sac that holds the testicles and keeps them at the perfect temperature to make sperm

Self-Esteem = confidence and self-respect, liking yourself, feeling as if you belong, knowing that you have skills and talents, feeling appreciated

Semen = the liquid that carries sperm cells

Sexual Intercourse = several kinds of sexual touch may be called “intercourse” (all of which are pleasurable for some people and all of which can pass infections) ... but the term *commonly* means the kind of sex when the penis is in the vagina (the kind that can lead to pregnancy)

Sexuality = a part of a human being that includes their sex; some of their behavior; how they feel about their body and their gender; whether they know how to love, trust, and communicate; their ability to make babies and more

Sperm = the cell from a man that can start a pregnancy (when combined with a cell from a woman)

Testicle = the organ where (1) sperm cells are stored and (2) male hormones are produced (a man has two of these)

Urethra = the tube, running through the penis, through which urine and semen flow -- also the tube in a *woman’s* body that carries urine (the front of her three openings)

Uterus = the organ in a woman’s body where a baby grows for nine months before being born; also the organ from which a girl’s or woman’s period flows

Vagina = the passageway from the uterus to the outside of a girl’s or woman’s body, through which a baby is born

Vas Deferens = a tube leading from the epididymis up into a man’s body, through which sperm cells travel (a man has two of these)