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Dedication

We would like to dedicate this book to our wonderful students, who over the years fought off their shyness and inhibitions to participate in writing questions and discussing many aspects of this sensitive topic. Without their inquisitive minds and mature behavior, this book would not have been written.

Jim's Introduction

I reached into the shoebox that had a slit cut out on the top for the students to drop in their anonymous questions. I had been doing this for many years and actually looked forward to answering their questions. The first question I pulled out asked: What are sex toys?

I was hoping for a less loaded first question - maybe something like: how does a woman have twins? or how long does a period last? Each year I tell my students that I will answer any question as long as it is legitimate and not personal. So I did answer the question about sex toys. And why sex feels good. And what oral sex is. Eventually I learned how to do this without the eye twitch.

The shoebox enables the students to ask their questions without the embarrassment of having to raise their hands. It also encourages a greater participation from the entire class. While the shoebox creates anonymity, there are always some students who have no inhibitions and frequently raise their hands to ask questions that turn many of the boys and girls faces bright red.

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Sometimes the questions cause a little too much class participation. On one occasion I read a question from the shoebox which asked, "Why does the woman make noises during sex." I wasn't sure what I was going to say, but before I had a chance to mull it over, one boy began a remarkably realistic impression of the woman's sounds. I thought I was watching Meg Ryan in the New York deli scene from *When Harry Met Sally*. I'm not sure who was laughing harder - the students or their teacher.

You learn to expect the unexpected; appreciate the curiosity of the students and respect the level of maturity that most students demonstrate on this difficult subject matter. Can dogs wear condoms? I'm not sure if the student who asked this question was kidding or serious. Maybe there is a market for doggie condoms. I suppose the problem would be compliance on the part of the dog. Many years ago there was a written question that asked if a boy bleeds from his penis. When I first read it, I wasn't sure why it was being asked, but I quickly realized that this 11 year old student was wondering since a girl bleeds during her period, does the same thing happen to a boy? I was struck by the logic of this question and assured him this does not happen.

We always require the students use correct vocabulary rather than slang when writing their questions or expressing their questions or comments orally. But sometimes they don't adhere to this advice - like a 6th grader who wrote, "What does it mean when the girl is playing with a guy's joystick?"

One year a 6th grade student wrote the following question: "Why does it hurt when you're getting baby out the China? When I read this question I didn't know what the student meant by getting the baby out the China. The student was willing to answer my question by replying out loud that it was too embarrassing to say or write the word vagina, so she preferred to call it China.

The school district in which I teach is so concerned about the nature of this subject matter that they require all 4th, 5th and 6th grade teachers attend a workshop at the district to prepare them to teach this material. While this subject is embarrassing and difficult for most students to learn, it is also difficult for many teachers to discuss with their class.

In teaching this curriculum to my students, I personally am facing an even more embarrassing situation since my last

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name is Seaman. In order to eliminate the giggles and laughter when I talk about semen, I use the following strategy: I write my last name Seaman on the board with the definition – a sailor. I then write semen on the board with its definition – a fluid that carries sperm. I tell my students they now know the difference between these two words and I will give them 20 seconds to get all the giggles and laughing out of their system. This approach has worked for me every year!

The school district also sends a letter home to inform parents that this material is about to be taught and if they have any concerns or hesitations, they must attend a meeting either at the district or the school to review the material. When those parents who express concerns see the kid friendly way in which the material is presented, they most always give their consent. In over 10 years of teaching this subject, I have had only one parent object to having their child present during this curriculum.

Rather than teaching sex education to the entire class, many teachers prefer to separate the boys from the girls. If there is a male teacher, he will teach the boys, while a female teacher or nurse will teach the girls. I have tried it both ways and prefer

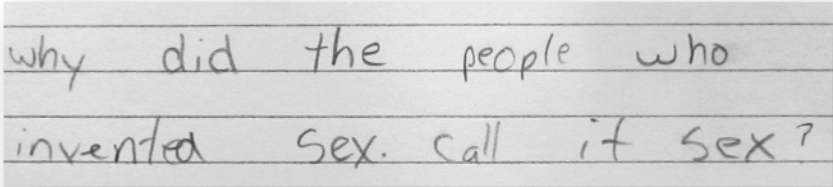
to teach my 5th and 6th graders as a co-ed class. By the second or third day, the students are more comfortable with this arrangement. Many even stop writing their questions on paper and raise their hands. Frequently one answer will lead to other questions asked by both genders and a mature discussion develops.

We feel sure that, as parents read this book, they will appreciate the curiosity of the 10, 11 and 12 year old mind on this sensitive subject. By seeing the actual student questions in the handwriting of the 4th, 5th and 6th graders, we think the reader will be not only be armed with solid, accurate answers when such questions come up, but also be quite entertained. It is also our hope that parents will encourage their age-appropriate children to read it with them.

--Jim

Chapter 4

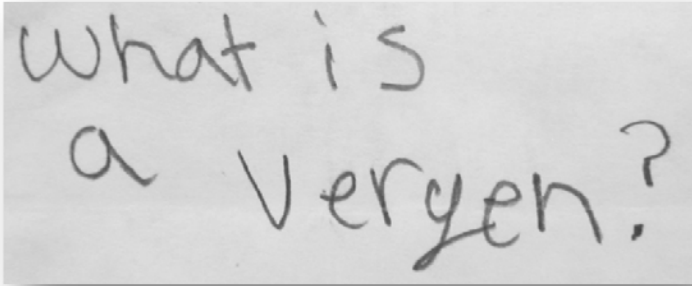
What Is Sex?



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We probably call it “sex” because “sexual intercourse” has so many syllables. Also, no one invented sex, it’s just what people have always done to make more people!



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What is a virgin?

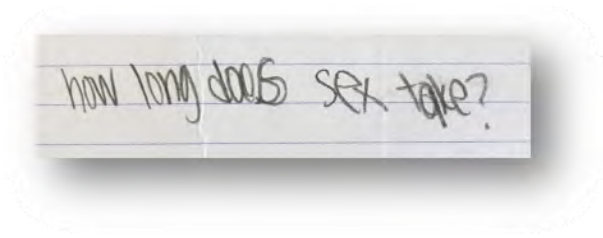
A virgin is a boy or girl who has not had sexual intercourse.



What is "popping a cherry"?

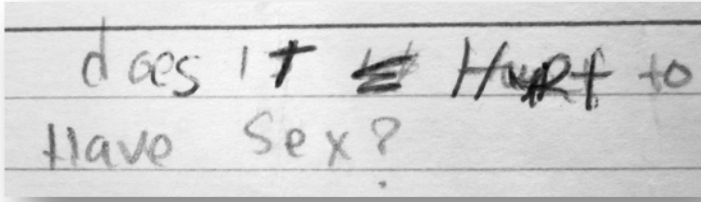
This is a slang expression that usually refers to a woman losing her virginity. When a woman has intercourse for the first time, her hymen (a thin tissue that covers the vagina) may break. It might be slightly uncomfortable and cause some bleeding.

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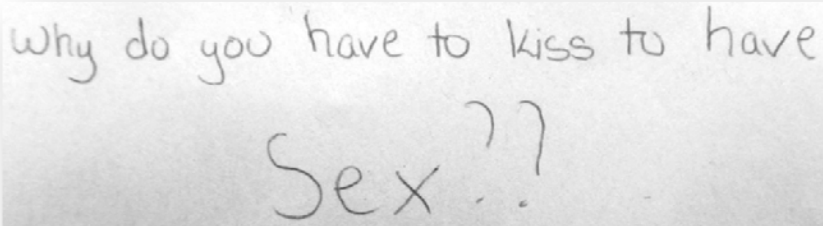
How long does sex take?

The average time is between 3 and 12 minutes.



Does it hurt to have sex?

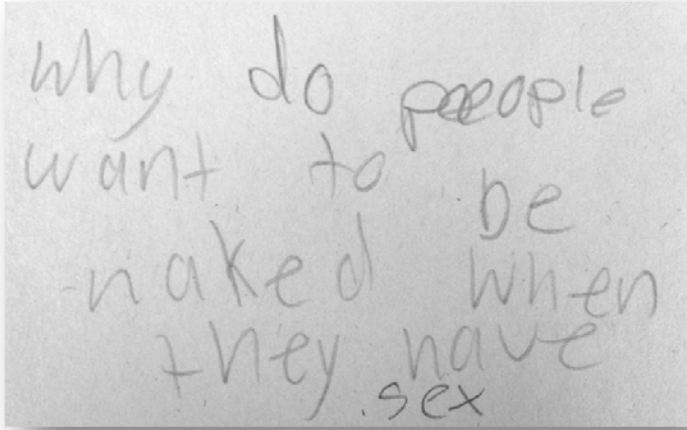
Sex shouldn't hurt. The first time a woman has sex, she might feel a little discomfort. If pain continues to occur during sex, it's a good idea to see a doctor.



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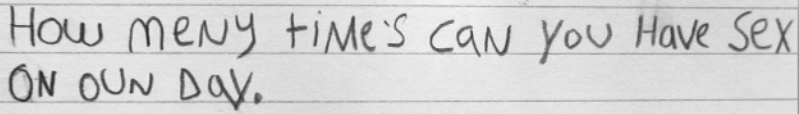
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It is not necessary to kiss to have sex. However, most couples enjoy touching each other and kissing before and during sex.



Why do people want to be naked when they have sex?

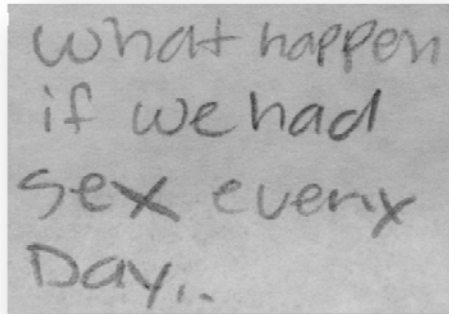
You don't have to be naked to have sex, but many people have sex to feel closer to someone they love and being naked with someone can be very intimate.



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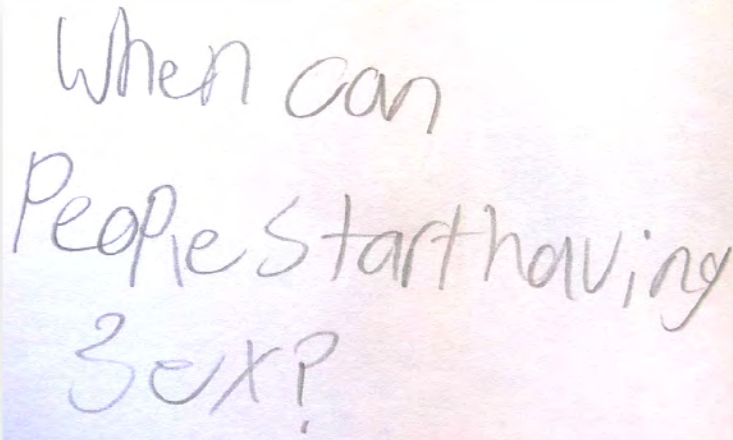
How many times can you have sex in one day?

Most couples feel satisfied having intercourse one time in a day (or even a couple of times a week). Women could have sex more often than a man since they don't have to have an erection to have sex. It becomes more difficult for men to get an erection several times in the same day. For many people, it is possible to have sex several times a day.



What happens if we have sex every day?

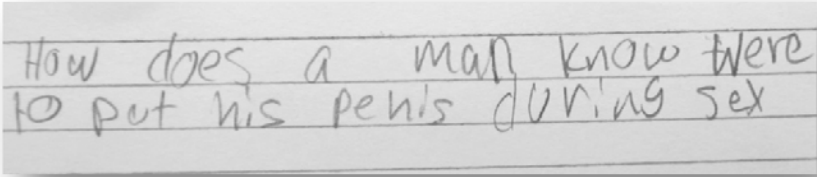
Because everyone has different sex drives, the frequency of sexual intercourse between couples will vary. There is no right or wrong frequency for intercourse as long as the man and woman are both happy and it isn't being forced on anyone. Having safe sex every day will probably not cause any health problems.



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Many people think that a person should not start having sex until they are mature enough to take care of themselves and have found someone that they love and trust very much. This is because having sex can have significant consequences such as pregnancy or STDs and you want your partner to be there for you. There are also legal problems that can arise from having sex at too young an age.

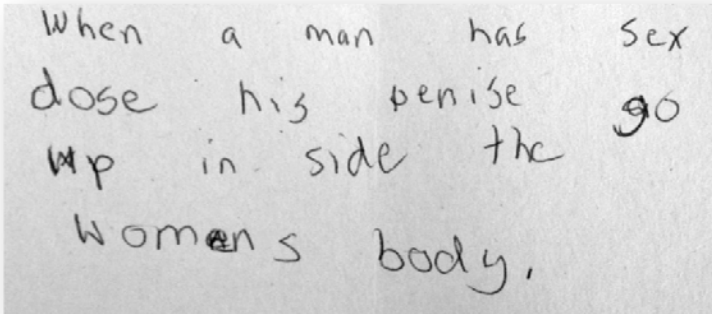


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After his penis is erect, he should put it in the woman's vagina. If he is not sure where the vagina is located, the woman should be able to help him.

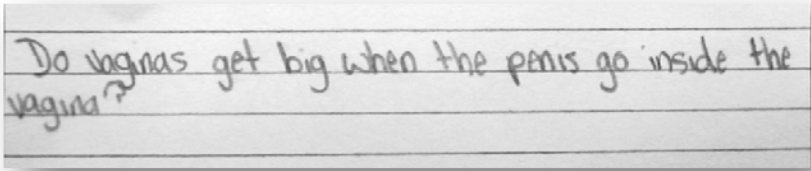
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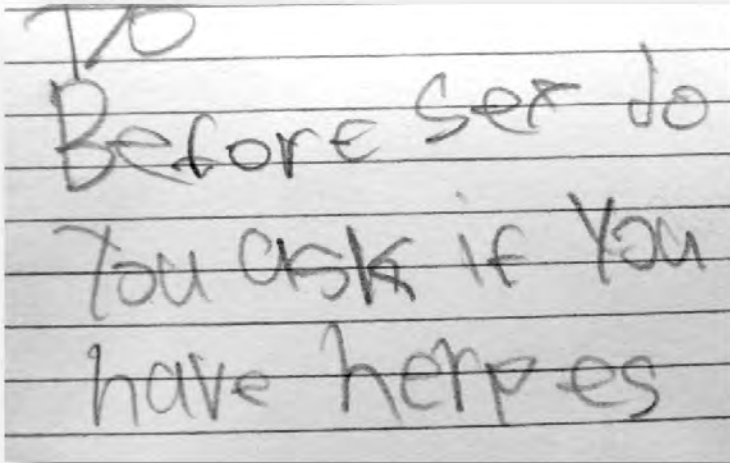
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Yes.



Do vaginas get big when the penis goes inside the vagina?

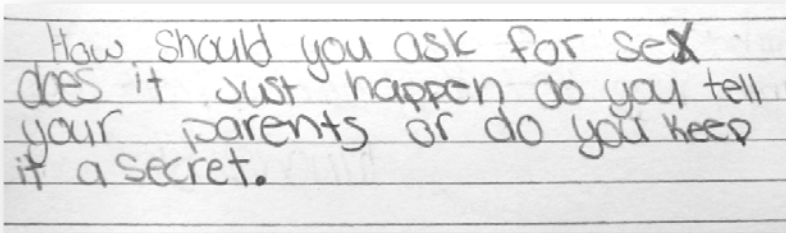
Yes, the vagina can stretch to accommodate the penis during sex.

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Yes, you should definitely discuss herpes and other STDs before having sex with someone. Be aware that if someone wants to have sex, they may not be completely honest. It's also possible that someone who has an STD has no idea they have one. Therefore it is always best to wear a condom. If you are planning on being in an exclusive relationship, it is best that both partners be tested for any STD's.

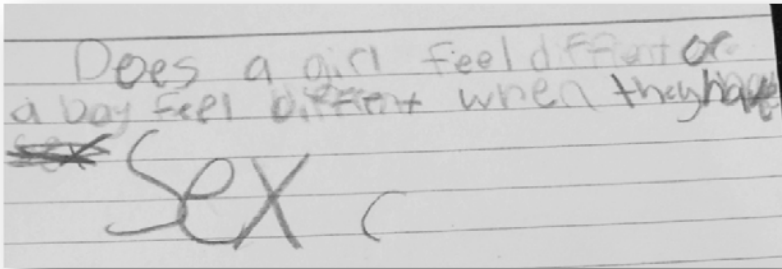


How should you ask for sex? Does it just happen?

There is a lot of thoughtfulness and maturity that went into this question! For many people, having sex is a giant step in dating. It is important to discuss personal feelings about sexual intercourse, potential STD's and birth control. If you let it just happen without taking precautions, there can be some serious consequences in which either or both partners may regret their actions.

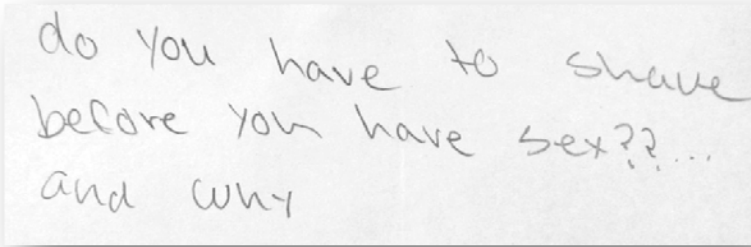
Do you tell your parents or do you keep it a secret?

Whether you decide to tell your parents is up to you. If you're not sure what to do, you can discuss your feelings with a trusted adult.



**Does a girl feel different
or a boy feel different when they have sex?**

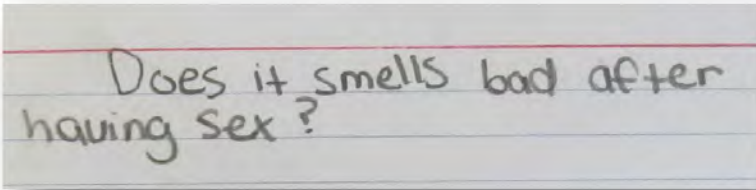
This is a really mature question. Because everyone's body is different, sex can feel different for each person involved. After people have intercourse, they may experience different emotions. Some people might feel more emotionally connected. Some may feel they made a big mistake. If they didn't practice safe sex, they may be concerned about pregnancy or catching a sexually transmitted disease. It is very important to be able to talk to and trust your sexual partner.



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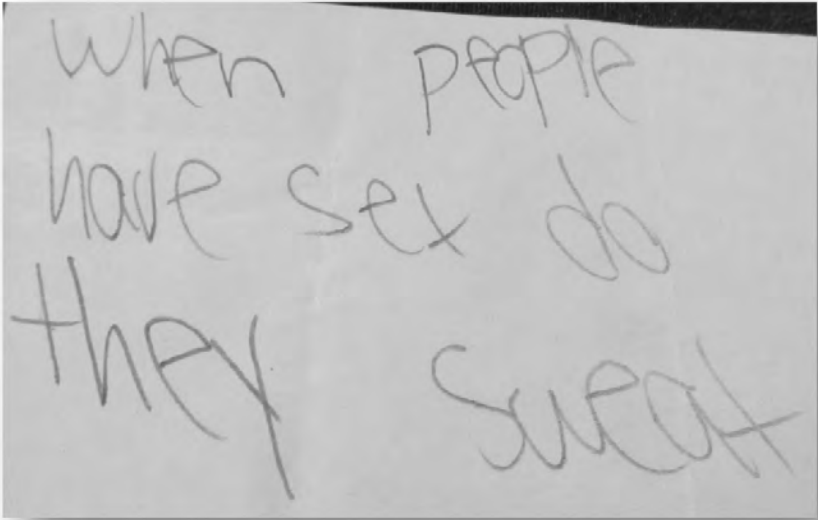
No, you don't have to shave your pubic hair before you have sex. Since it is on the sides of the penis and vagina, it will not interfere with intercourse. Having pubic hair is a normal part of having an adult body. Only a very, very small percentage of people decide to shave their pubic hair.



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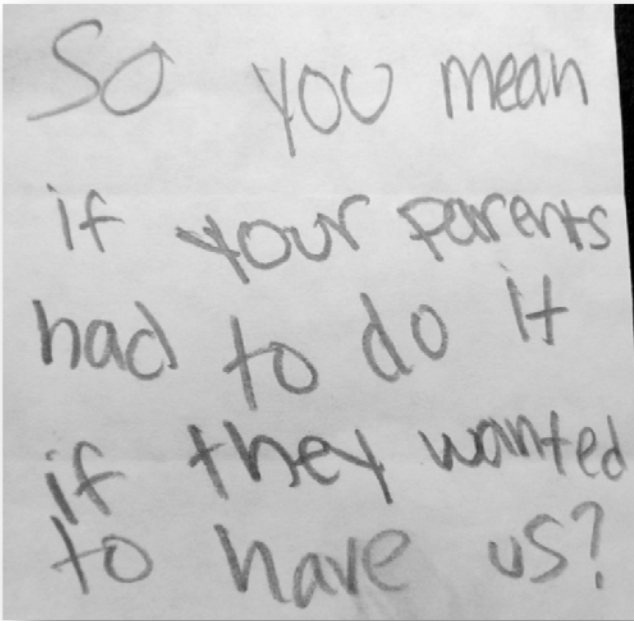
Does it smell bad after having sex?

Sometimes there can be an odor after having sex, which can come from sweat as well as body fluids.



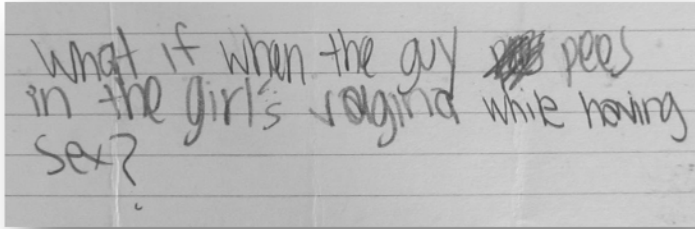
When people have sex do they sweat?

Some people do sweat when they're having sex just like some people sweat when they get nervous or excited or participate in a physical activity. Some people do not sweat as much or hardly at all.



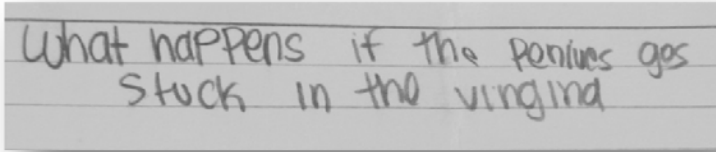
**So you mean your parents had to do it
if they wanted to have us?**

Yes, that is exactly what happened! Because your parents "did it," you're here today to write this question.



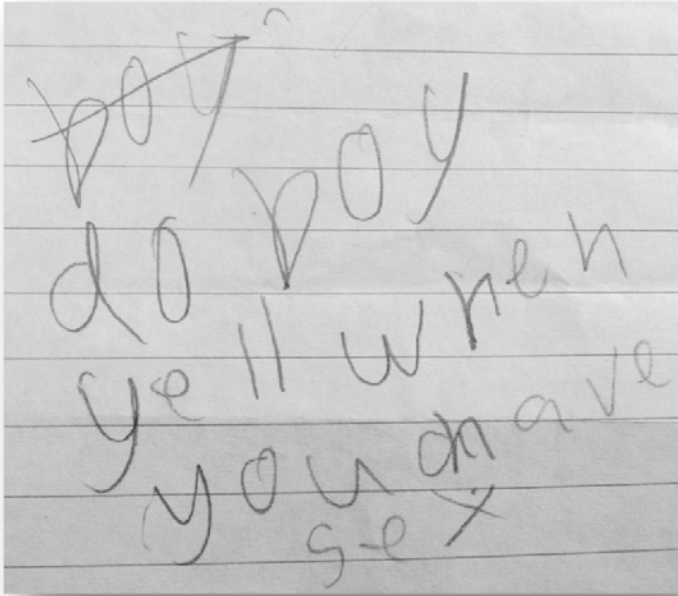
What if the guy pees in the girl's vagina while having sex?

This is impossible. If for some reason the urge was so great that the man had to pee, he would withdraw his penis and go to the bathroom.



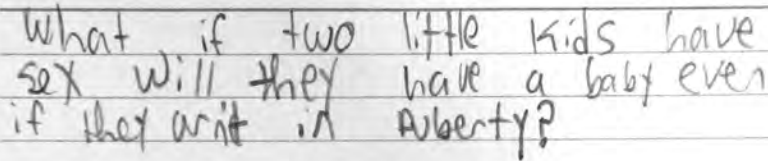
What happens if the penis gets stuck in the vagina?

Don't worry about this. A man will always be able to pull his penis out of a vagina.



Do boys yell when they have sex?

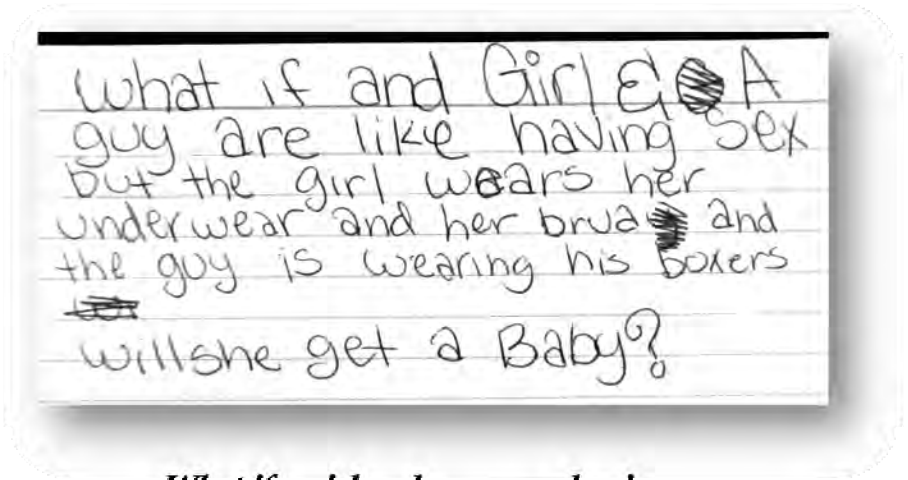
Yes, sometimes men and women yell or moan or make noises during sex because the feeling can be very intense.



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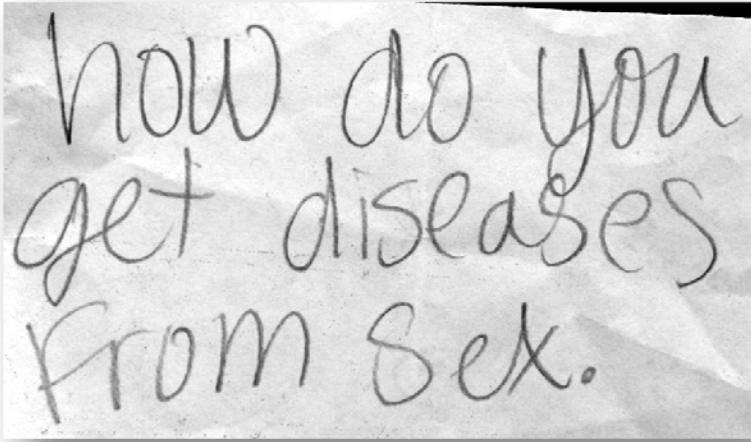
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In order to have a baby, the boy must be able to have an erection and produce sperm which is his reproductive cells. The girl's body must be able to have the egg travel through the Fallopian tube. If the egg meets with the sperm, then the female becomes pregnant. This can only happen when both the boy and the girl have been through puberty.



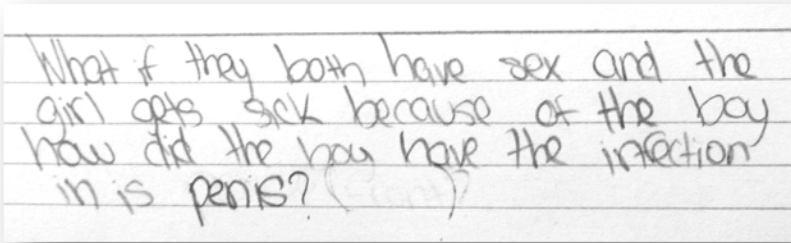
**What if a girl and a guy are having sex
but the girl wears her underwear and her bra
and the guy is wearing his boxers, will she get a baby?**

Yes, it is possible to get pregnant if you are wearing underwear while having sex. However, in order for a woman to get pregnant, the penis must enter the vagina during sex.



How do you get diseases from sex?

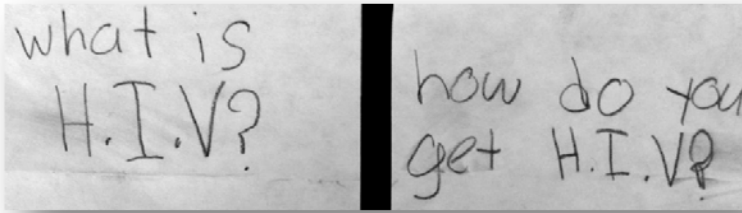
This is really an important question. Some sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are caused by bacteria or viruses that are carried in the semen or vaginal fluids. Viruses and diseases can also be carried in a person's blood, which can be transmitted through microscopic tears in the skin. That's why wearing a condom is so important.



**What if they both have sex
and the girl gets sick because of the boy?**

How did the boy have the infection in his penis?

Anyone, girls and boys, can get sick with a disease from having sex. Those diseases are called STDs, or sexually transmitted diseases. They can be in a boy's or girl's sex organs or blood. Some of these infections are cured with antibiotics prescribed by a doctor. STDs can hurt a lot and some can kill you. If someone has an STD, they can pass it onto someone when having sex. The best way to avoid getting an STD is to not have sex. You can also practice safe sex and wear a condom.

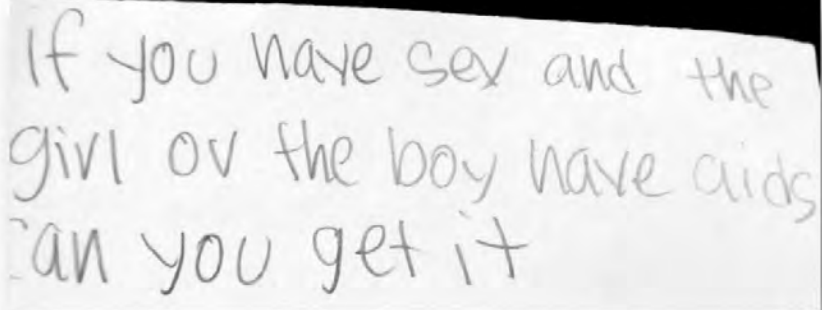


What is HIV?

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus, which can cause AIDS. HIV weakens the immune system, which can expose people to other germs and infections. Infected people carry HIV in their bodily fluids, such as their blood, semen, or vaginal fluids. There is no cure for HIV.

How do you get HIV?

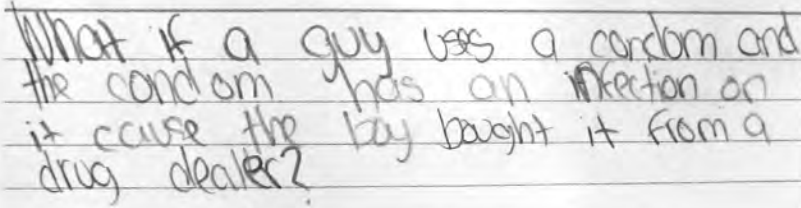
You can get HIV from having unprotected sex with an infected person. HIV can also be spread when drug users share infected hypodermic needles.



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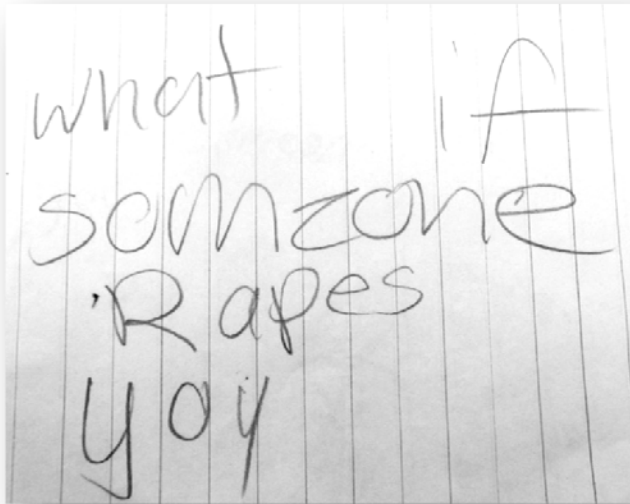
Yes, if a person has the AIDS virus there is a very good chance they will transmit it to whoever they have sex with. The virus is transmitted through blood, semen, breast milk or vaginal fluid. That is why it is always important to practice safe sex and wear a condom. Thousands of people die from AIDS each year.



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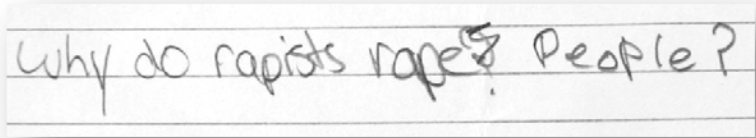
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You should never buy a condom from anyone on the street. When you purchase a condom at a store, it will always be packaged in some type of wrapper, usually aluminum foil, and then placed inside a box. Many clinics offer free condoms as well. If you get an infection, you should always see a doctor.



What if someone rapes you?

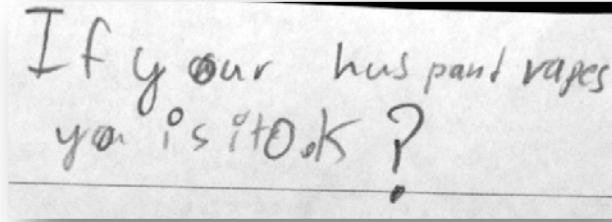
Rape is when someone is forced to have sex. This is a very serious situation. It is illegal and rapists should be in jail so they can't hurt any more people. If this were to happen to you, notify the police and see a doctor immediately so you can be treated for possible injuries and so the police can have evidence. Put the clothes you were wearing in a paper bag to give to the police and do not shower until you've been seen by the police or a doctor. Later, you will probably want support which can come from loved ones, friends, church or other support groups. If this happened to you a long time ago and nothing was done, you still might want to tell a few people you trust.



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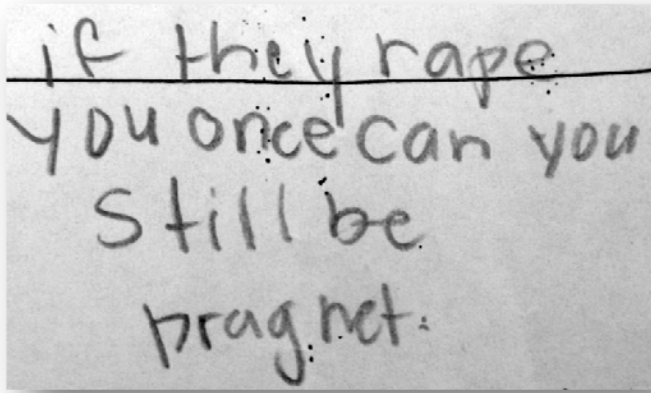
Why do rapists rape people?

This may seem hard to understand, but rape is usually a crime of power. It usually doesn't have much to do with sex. A rapist is usually someone who is extremely frustrated or angered with life and takes their hate and hostility out on their victims in the form of a sexual attack.



If your husband rapes you is it ok?

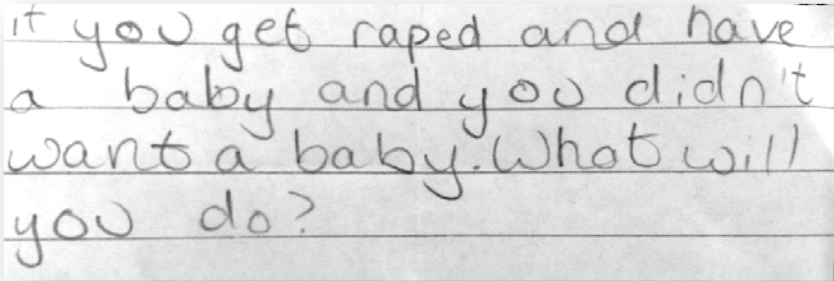
Absolutely not. It is not ok for anyone to force you to have sex, not even your husband. If this happens, you need to get away from this person. The police can help.



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Yes. If you are raped once you could get pregnant. If you are raped, make sure you go to the police or a doctor immediately so any semen or other DNA from the rapist can be collected for evidence.



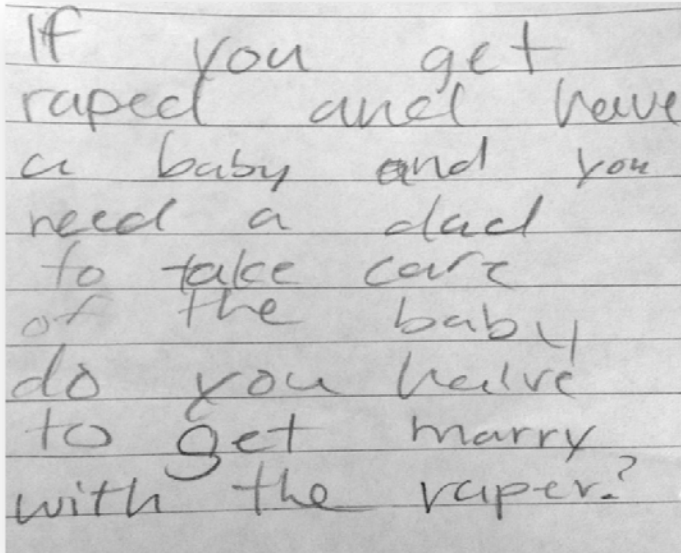
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This is a terrible problem to have and you basically have three options:

1. Get an abortion.
2. Give birth to the baby and give it up for adoption.
3. Give birth to the baby and raise it.

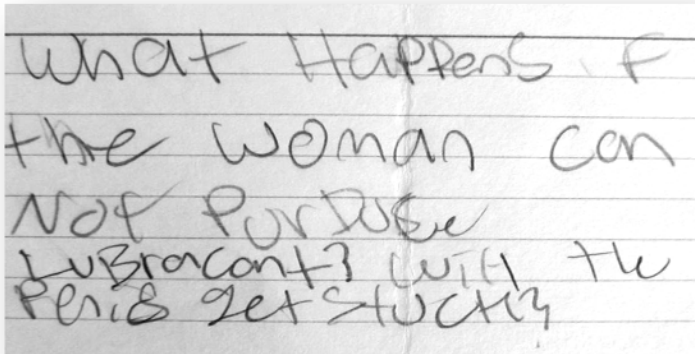
Before you make this very important decision, you may want to talk to a few adults you trust.



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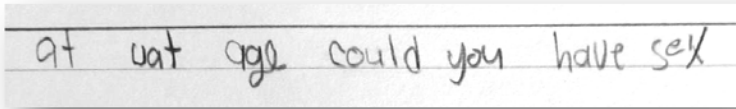
No. Absolutely not. If you are raped and get pregnant, you could get an abortion or you could decide to give birth to the baby. If you give birth to the baby, you could give it up for adoption. If you decide to keep the baby and raise it yourself, you can get help from your family and friends.



What happens if the woman cannot produce lubricant?

Will the penis get stuck?

In order for a man and woman to have intercourse, the woman's vagina must be lubricated so the penis can slide back and forth. If her body does not produce enough or any lubricant, the sex act could be uncomfortable or even painful. If this happens, you can purchase lubricant at the market or drug store. It is not possible for the penis to get stuck in the vagina.



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You should have sex when you are in love and mature enough to take care of yourself and solve your own problems. Technically, however, a boy could have sex when he is able to get his penis erect. However, most states have laws regarding teenagers having sex under a certain age. For example, if one teenager is older than their sexual partner, they may be convicted of statutory rape and could go to prison for several years. For another example, in the state of Alabama, if someone who is 16 years or older has sex with someone who is under the age of 12, they may go to *prison for life*.

A handwritten note on a piece of paper with a black border. The text is written in cursive and asks: "is it nesessary that you have sex on your life? atleast Once?"

Is it necessary that you have sex in your life? At least once?

Thinking about having sex for the first time can be a very scary and fearful thought. Each person must make this choice and no one should ever be forced or pressured to have sex. When a couple is in a committed relationship, sexual intercourse can be an act that brings them closer to together. Most people decide to have sex at least once in their life, but some never do.

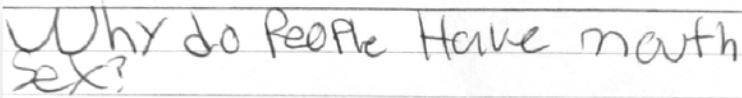
A photograph of a piece of white paper with handwritten text in black ink. The text is written in a casual, slightly slanted cursive style. The paper is set against a dark background and has a soft white glow around it.

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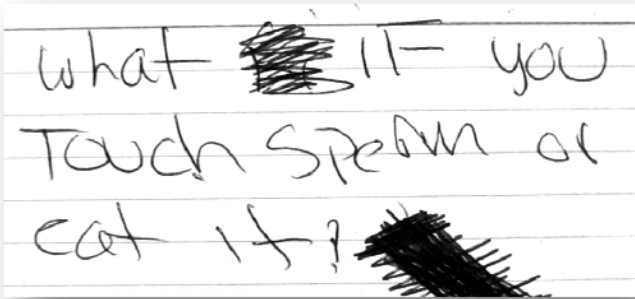
This is called oral sex and it is pleasurable to most men when a woman does this. This may result in the man having an orgasm where he will ejaculate semen from his penis. The woman can either swallow the semen or spit it out. If a man performs oral sex on a woman's vagina, she is likely to experience pleasure as well. However, sexually transmitted diseases can be passed on this way.

A photograph of a piece of white lined paper with a question written in black marker. The question is "Why do people have mouth sex?" written across two lines. The paper is slightly tilted and has a soft shadow beneath it.

Why do people have mouth sex?

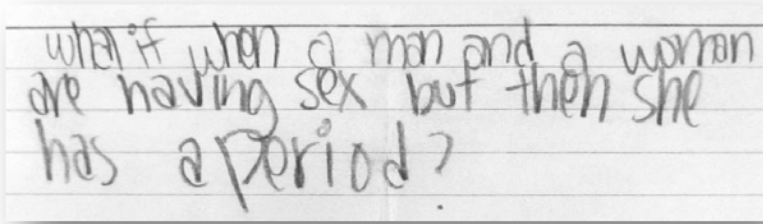
Why do people have mouth sex?

This is referred to as oral sex. It is another way to enjoy the sexual experience. It is also another way to transmit STDs.



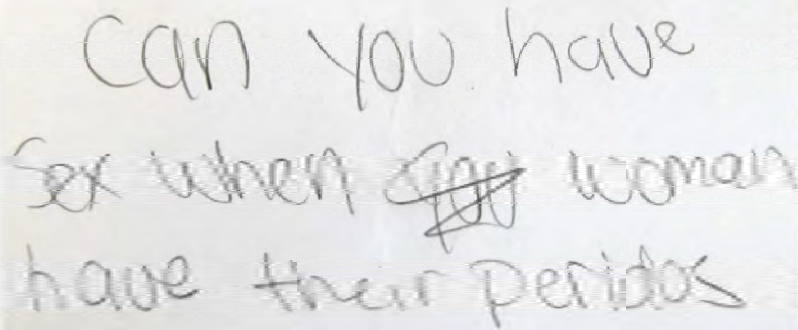
What if you touch sperm or eat it?

There is no real problem with touching sperm, but it would be best to wash your hands soon after. If you are having oral sex and a man ejaculates in your mouth, there are two things you can do. You can either spit it out or you can swallow it.



**What if when a man and a woman are having sex
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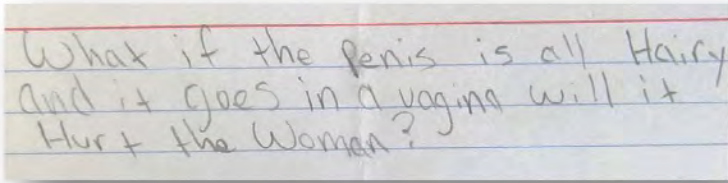
It is very possible for a woman to have her period during intercourse. If this happens the couple may decide to stop or they could continue. If they do continue, it may get messy and it may take more time to clean up afterwards. Usually when a woman starts her period, she has cramps and would not feel comfortable having sex.



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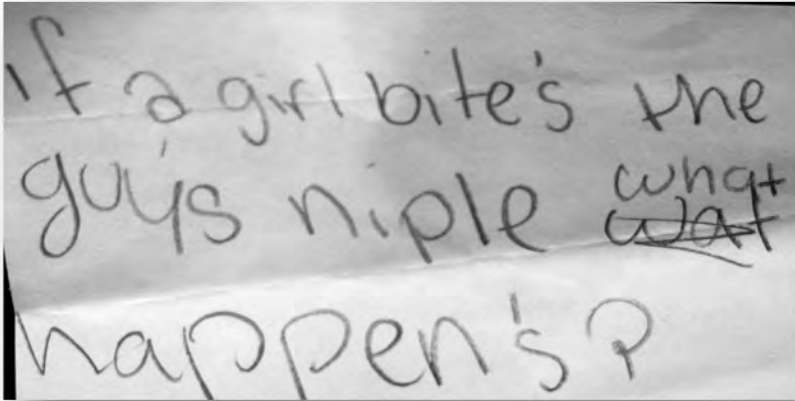
Can you have sex when women have their periods?

Yes, a woman can have sex during her period, but it may be uncomfortable and/or messy. A couple should decide together if they are going to have sex during the woman's period.



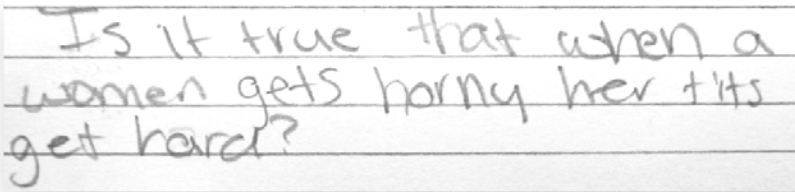
**What if the penis is all hairy and it goes in a vagina,
will it hurt the woman?**

No. Penises are not hairy. Pubic hair is located around the penis. Pubic hair usually doesn't go in a woman's vagina.



If a girl bites the guy's nipple, what happens?

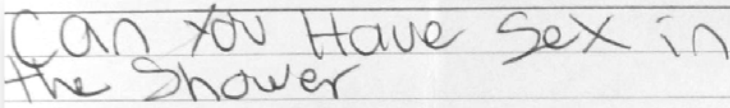
Some men like it when a woman gently bites his nipple. It also might feel pleasurable when a man does the same thing to a woman.



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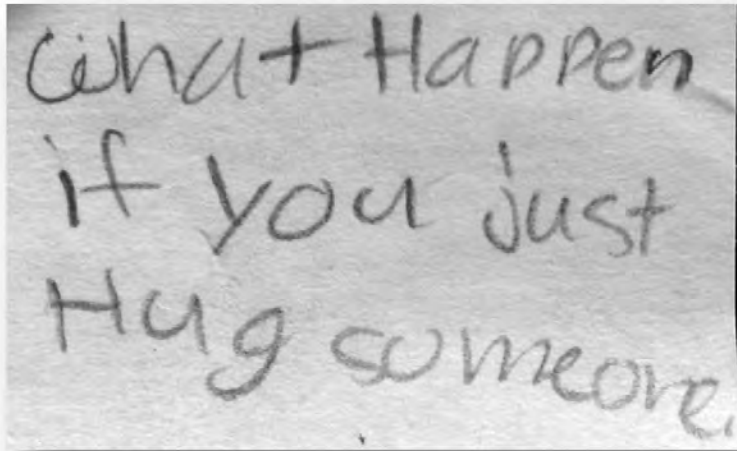
When a woman gets sexually ready, or aroused, her nipples will usually get erect, although her actual breasts do not get hard.



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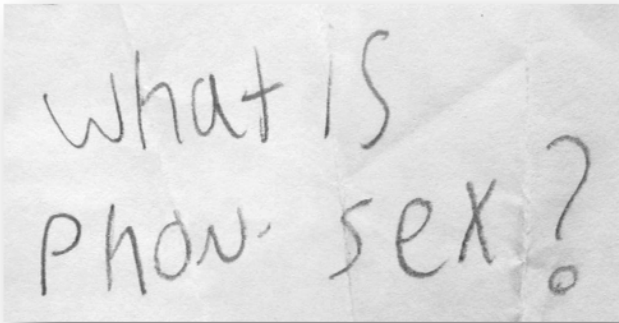
Yes, you can have sex in the shower.



What happens if you just hug someone?

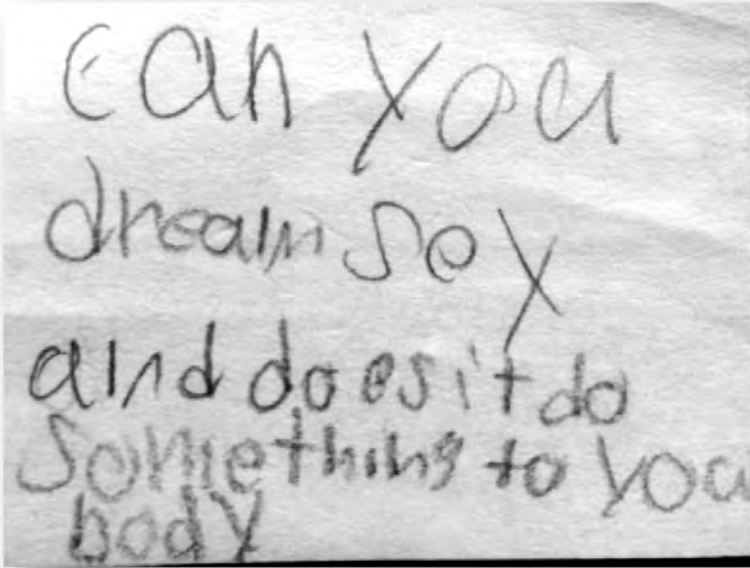
The only thing that happens when you hug someone is it usually makes both people feel happy. It doesn't necessarily have any sexual meaning, but is frequently meant as a warm kind feeling to make someone feel good.

Where Does The Trombone Go?



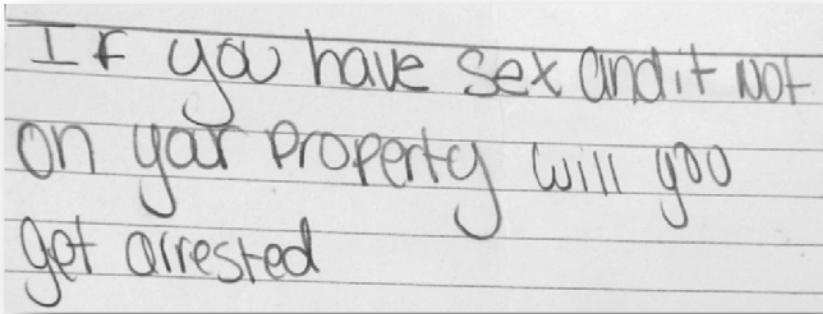
What is phone sex?

Phone sex is when people talk sexy to each other on the phone.



Can you dream sex and does it do something to your body?

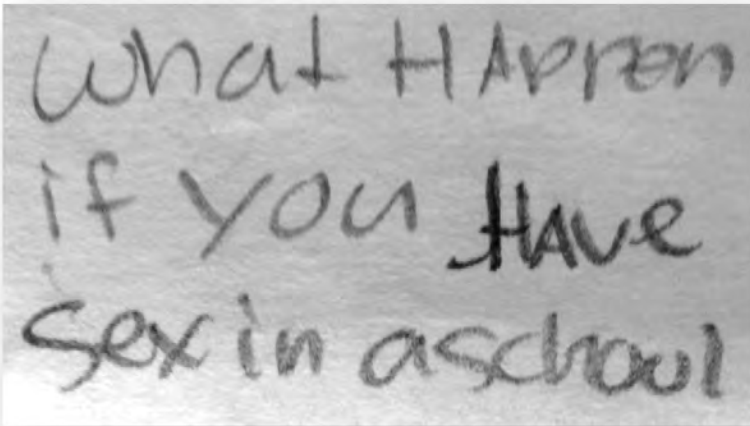
Yes. Both boys and girls can have sexual dreams. Boys can have an erection and also ejaculate. This is called a wet dream or a nocturnal emission. Girls may secrete lubricant and also have an orgasm.



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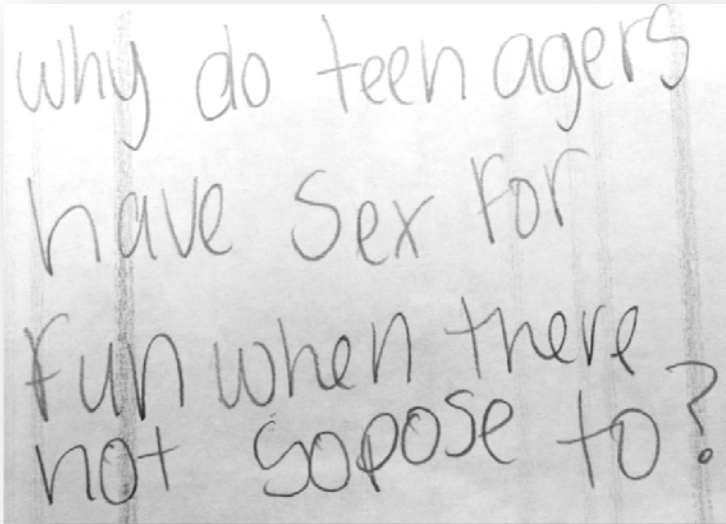
**If you have sex and it's not on your property,
will you get arrested?**

Yes, you can get arrested. It is against the law to trespass on people's property. It is also against the law to have sex in public places.



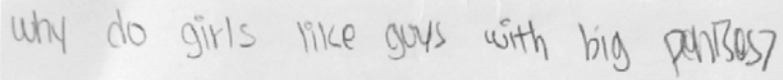
What happens if you have sex in a school?

There is a right time and a right place to have sexual intercourse. School is definitely not a good choice. You could be suspended, expelled, or even arrested.



**Why do teenagers have sex for fun
when they're not supposed to?**

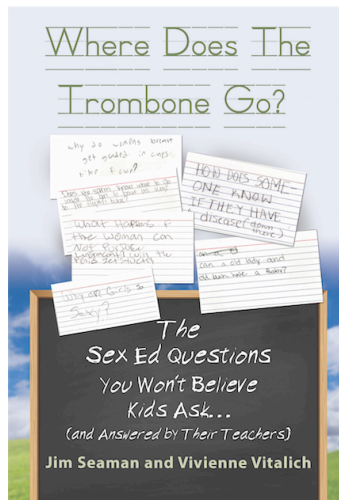
When young teenagers have sexual intercourse for fun, they may not be thinking about potential consequences such as sexually transmitted diseases. You can die from AIDS. You may also become pregnant at a very young age, which will change your life forever. If you are smart, you will wait until you are older and in a committed relationship.



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This statement is actually not true. A recent survey of women said that only 12% prefer a larger than average penis. 42% of women surveyed said it doesn't matter as long as it isn't too long or too short. 46% said size doesn't matter at all.



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