

**puberty**['pju:bəti] *n*

половая зрелость, возмужалость

age of puberty - возраст достижения половой зрелости

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**puberty** *BrE* ['pju:bəti] *NAmE* ['pju:bɜːti] **noun uncountable**

the period of a person's life during which their sexual organs develop and they become capable of having children

- to reach puberty

**see also** †adolescenceWord Origin:[**puberty**] late Middle English: from Latin **pubertas**, from **puber** 'adult', related to **pubes** pubic hair, groin, genitals.Collocations:**The ages of life***Childhood/ youth***be born and raised/bred** in Oxford; into a wealthy/middle-class family**have** a happy/an unhappy/a tough childhood**grow up** in a musical family/an orphanage; on a farm**be/grow up** an only child (= with no brothers or sisters)**reach/hit/enter/go through** adolescence/puberty**be** in your teens/early twenties/mid-twenties/late twenties**undergo/experience** physical/psychological changes**give in to/succumb to/resist** peer pressure**assert** your independence/individuality*Adulthood***leave** school/university/home**go out to work** (at sixteen)**get/find** a job/partner**be/get** engaged/married**have/get** a wife/husband/mortgage/steady job**settle down and have** kids/children/a family**begin/start/launch/build** a career (in politics/science/the music industry)**prove (to be)/represent/mark/reach** a (major) turning point for sb/in your life/career**reach/be well into/settle into** middle age**have/suffer/go through** a midlife crisis**take/consider** early retirement**approach/announce/enjoy** your retirement*Old age***have/see/spend time with** your grandchildren**take up/pursue/develop** a hobby**get/receive/draw/collect/live on** a pension**approach/save for/die from** old age**live to** a ripe old age**reach** the grand old age of 102/23 (*often ironic*)**be/become/be getting/be going** senile (*often ironic*)**die (peacefully)/pass away** in your sleep/after a brief illnessExample Bank:

- Girls start menstruating at puberty.
- He reached puberty at the age of fourteen.
- I was going through puberty.
- She hit puberty a year before any of her friends.
- The body undergoes many changes during puberty.

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the stage of physical development during which you change from a child to an adult and are able to have children:

- \* Fourteen is a fairly normal age for a girl to **reach** **puberty**.

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