

Teenage Pregnancy

Teen pregnancy is the term used when an underage girl become pregnant, usually refers to girls from 13-17 years old. There are no easy choices in teen pregnancy. As the problem continues, teen pregnancy becomes a serious social issue.

A. Put the following titles in the table below.

Causes

Methods of prevention

Meaning

Consequences



Teenage pregnancy	
<input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pregnancy in a young woman who will not reach her 20th birthday before the expected birth. • Unmarried minors who become pregnant unintentionally.
<input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower educational levels and poverty. • Lack of knowledge on birth control because of embarrassment to seek such information. • Improper consumption of drugs and alcohol may possibly encourage unintended sexual activity.
<input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems in raising the children with proper upbringing especially in terms of economic factor. • Loss of personal space and freedom. • The teen mother usually neglects her education and may experience medical complication due to early pregnancy. • Some teenage mothers tend to receive physical abuse from the father of their child.
<input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about methods of birth control. • Resisting pressure from peers and partners for having sex. Many pregnant teenagers do not know how to say "no" to sex. • Learning about the facts and risks associated with sex and about ways on how to prevent premarital sex.

B. Find the words for the following definitions, in the table above.

1. Not wanted _____

4. Look for/ search _____

2. Classmates _____

5. Give little attention _____

3. Underage _____

Match the word with its correct explanation:

pregnancy	a thin rubber covering that a man wears on his penis during sex to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant
intercourse	to have a child
condom	to fail to take care of something
give birth	the condition of a woman having a baby
abuse	the state of being poor
neglect	to treat a person in a harsh or harmful way
poverty	sexual activity between two people



Questions:

1. Why do so many teenagers become pregnant?
2. Do you think there is a minimum age for when girls should have babies?
3. What does it take to raise a child?
4. How do you feel about abortion?
5. Who can be blamed that teenagers get pregnant?
6. When do you think is the right age to have a child? Why?

Sometimes it seems like everyone is doing it...especially if you're not. But less than half of teens in high school (only 42% of girls and 43% of boys) have had sex. That means that **more than half of all high school students are virgins**. And the younger someone is, the more likely they're a virgin. For example, less than one-third of teenagers age 17 and younger have had sex, while 60% of 18- and 19- year-olds have.

Did you know that more than 2,000 teen girls in the United States get pregnant every day? In fact, 3 in 10 girls will become pregnant at least once by age 20. And even though nearly all teens say they don't want to get pregnant, most of them have never really thought about how getting pregnant or getting someone else pregnant would affect their lives.

