

Sometimes, my body grows and changes as I get older.

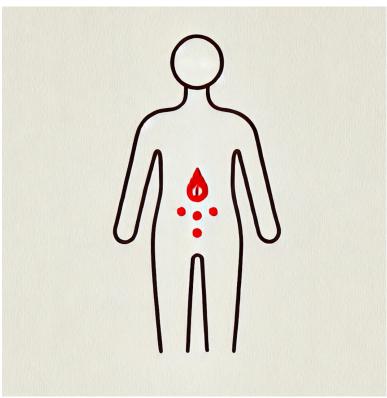
One change is called a *period*.





Having a period is a *natural* part of growing up.

What is a Period?

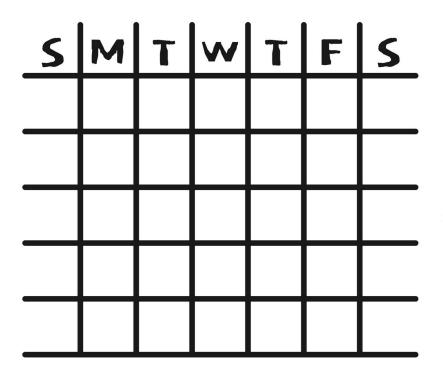


A period happens when blood comes out of my body through my vagina.

This blood is from inside my body and is **not** a sign that I am hurt.

It is my body's way of staying *healthy*.



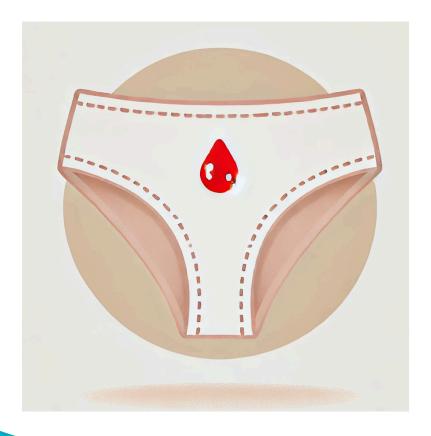




When Will It Happen?

I might have my period once a month, and it usually lasts a few days.

Everyone's body is different, so my period might be different from someone else's.



How Will I Know?

I might feel wetness in my underwear, and when I check, I might see blood.

Before my period starts, I might feel a little different, like having a stomachache or being more tired. This is okay.



When I need to touch my pad or my underwear, I only do this in the bathroom. The bathroom is the right place to check or change my pad.

After I'm done, I always wash my hands with soap and water to keep them clean. This helps me stay healthy and take good care of my body.





What Do I Do?

When I have my period, I can use a pad to catch the blood.

This keeps me clean and comfortable.





Sometimes...

When I use a pull up, I can use a pad to catch the blood.

This keeps me clean and comfortable.



I can change my pad in the bathroom when it is full.

I will throw the used one in the trash.



Remember, we only touch our pad or underwear in the bathroom. Afterward, we always wash our hands to keep them clean and healthy!





How Can I Stay Comfortable?

If I feel cramps in my stomach, I can use a heating pad, take deep breaths, or talk to an adult I trust for help.

I can also rest and drink water and tea to feel better.





Who Can Help Me?

If I have questions or feel worried about my period, I can talk to my caregiver, teacher, or another adult I *trust*.

They can help me learn more and feel prepared.



Why is This Important?

Having my period means my body is working the way it should.

It is a sign that I am growing up and taking care of myself.





What Can I Remember?

My period is a *normal* and healthy part of life. I can be ready by keeping pads in my bag and knowing what to do.

I am learning about my body and how to take care of it. I am doing a great job!