

at her watery home.<sup>18</sup> If the baby is a boy, his testicles descend from the abdomen into the scrotum.<sup>19</sup>

### MONTH EIGHT

The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. The baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid per day and often hiccups.<sup>20</sup> Though movement is limited, due to cramped quarters, her kicks are stronger and mom may be able to feel an elbow or heel against her abdomen.<sup>21</sup>

### MONTH NINE

Gaining ½ pound per week, the baby is getting ready for birth. The bones in her head are soft and flexible to more easily mold for the journey down the birth canal.<sup>22</sup> Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have already taken place. Only four



more come before adolescence. In terms of development, we spend 90% of our lives in the womb.<sup>23</sup>

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*“As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being.”*

—World-renowned  
geneticist, the late  
Dr. Jérôme LeJeune