

Sex Myths

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If a boy masturbates he will:

- go blind
- break out in pimples
- grow hair on the palm of his hands
- become sterile
- lose his penis
- go insane

—masturbation is not only healthy, but an important part of learning about sex. This goes for women as well.

Children aren't sexual

—they are - both boys and girls have orgasms

If a menstruating woman:

- bakes a cake, it will fall
- washes and does her hair, her style will not hold
- eats fruit, she will fall ill

- a girl should not study at this time because mental effort will damage her brain and/or make her sterile

- if a man has sex with a woman during her period, he will become impotent or sterile

— a menstruating woman can do all the things she usually does: play sports, work, even have sex, though this might be messy (try doing it in the shower!)

You can't get pregnant if:

- it is your first time
- you are standing up
- you use withdrawal
- urinate afterwards
- the girl is menstruating

—Abstinence is the only 100% guarantee that you won't get pregnant.

You can determine the sex of your own baby by your sexual position

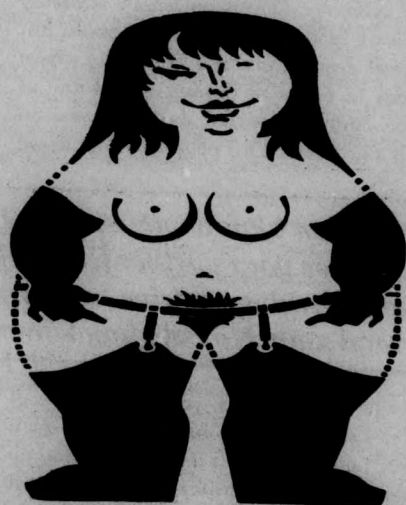
— No, that is in the hands of your sperm and egg

Women don't need to experience orgasm.

— OH YES THEY DO. Disregarding the fact that only men need to ejaculate for conception to occur, women need orgasm just as much as men do

In order to please her partner, a woman should pretend to have an orgasm simultaneously with his to make him believe he is a good lover

— Not only does this mean that a woman doesn't get to orgasm for real, it often leads to very bad sexual relations



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If you love your boyfriend/girlfriend, you will have sex with them

— Wrong, love doesn't equal sex (or vice versa, for that matter)

Size Matters

— Nope. After all, it's not how deep you fish, it's how you wiggle your worm, especially since it's the stimulation at the bottom of the vagina by the base of the penis that brings a woman pleasure.

Urine can come out of the penis during sex

— This is physiologically impossible

Men need sex more than women, and women who like sex are sluts

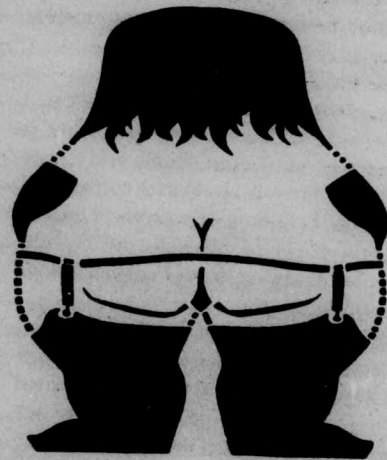
— Everyone has sexual needs and aside from procreation, enjoying it what it is all about

Lesbians don't need to worry about safe sex

— Women can pass STD's, the HIV virus and AIDS to other women

You can tell if someone has an STD, the HIV virus, or AIDS just by looking at them.

— Of course not! People who has an STD, the HIV virus and AIDS may look healthy. The only sure way to know is to be tested.



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Sex in TV's top shows

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Let's face it... the media bombards us with sex every day. From the radio blasting hits with sexual messages ("Doin' It" and "Heterosexual Man" for example), to magazines such as Penthouse and Playboy selling millions of copies each week, sex is everywhere. Television is no exception. The shows listed below are just a few of the examples of sex on television.

Seinfeld - TV's most popular sitcom is filled with blatantly sexual situations. Entire episodes revolving around sex (the famous masturbation episode, for example) are frequent. Each of the main characters is single and promiscuous, which is not a very enlightened way of portraying people in an world plagued by AIDS and other STD's.

3rd Rock from the Sun - Much of the comedy generated in this show comes from sex. Duke's (John Lithgow) kinky relationship with (Jane Curtin) is usually good for a few guffaws each episode, as are the sexual innuendos that are often uttered.

The Simpsons - This show is hit and miss when it comes to sexual content; some episodes have a lot, while others have none at all. Much of the sex found in this cartoon comes from innuendo and Freudian slips. But, there are a few episodes where the show becomes blatantly sexual, such as the episode where Grandpa and Homer sell their love elixir.

ER - The #1 drama on television doesn't have a ton of sex in it, but one of its characters contracted AIDS through sexual contact. It has, so far, dealt with the coworkers' reactions to someone with the disease as well as the personal struggles of an HIV-positive person. One of the few shows which does not glorify promiscuity.

Ellen - All season, there have been rumours that Ellen would announce that she was a lesbian, which would make her the first homosexual main character in television history. However, the idea was condemned by Disney, and, not surprisingly, the show was put on hiatus.

NYPD Blue - This top ten police drama raised eyebrows when it had scenes with full nudity. Because of this provocative move, it lost viewers who thought this was too sexy for TV. The show has since rebounded.

Married with Children - How this ever became one of television's longest-running sitcoms is beyond me. The show portrays women as sexual objects (Kelly Bundy doesn't recognize a car until she puts the seat down in one episode) and shows men as fools who neglect their wives and spend their time at the "Nudey Bar" (which is probably closer to the truth than some men are likely to admit...). Complete and total garbage.

Wada'ya know! The Science of Sex

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The thing that I always liked about biology was that it had the ability to stun you with facts. Things that would literally make your jaw hit the ground when you first heard them. And that was particularly true of the field of reproductive biology after all, everyone is obsessed with sex. So when the sex life of an animal involves, say, being eaten alive as it attempts to sow its oats, people tend to take notice and sex and death is always an irresistible combination; just ask David Cronenberg.

What follows is a collection of questions and answers that try to demonstrate the variety of bizarre things that happen when one, two or more individuals get together and have sex. And there may even be a few facts about human reproduction that you may not have known.

Q-Just how common is sexual cannibalism in nature?

A-Probably not as common as some people would have you believe. Most examples have been seen in captive animals, not in nature. But in some species of spider, the only way that the male can gain access to the female's genital opening is by dangling right in front of her jaws-not for long though...

Q-What connects the pop bands The Loving Spoonful and 10cc?

A-Both take their name from the average amount of fluid in the ejaculant of a human male-

about 10ml or a teaspoon. And it contains about 3000 million sperm.

Q-How does that compare to that of a male pig?

A-Rather pitifully really. The average male pig ejaculant is approximately three litres, and most of that is absorbed in the female's reproductive tract within 20 minutes.

Q-What are love darts, and what are they used for?

A-Love darts are thin calciferous strands made by snails. When they mate, they plunge these darts into the fleshy underbelly of the other snail. What they do exactly is not known, but it is thought they may be involved in species recognition.

Q-True or false: All human babies start off being male?

A-False. Everyone starts off being female, and then somewhere along the line, there are changes in the amounts of different hormones produced, things begin to descend, and you know the rest.

Q-Why is it so hard to tell the difference between male and female hyenas?

A-The clitoris of the female hyena is very large. Very large indeed. So large that for years zoologists thought that every single hyena they found was a male because it appeared to have a penis.

Q-What is so remarkable about the penis of the bedbug?

A-It is just like a little hypodermic syringe. But what is even more amazing is that the male just randomly injects sperm all over the body of the female, and then the sperm swim through her body and hopefully find the eggs. It gets better though sometimes the male bedbug injects sperm into the body of another male, and those sperm migrate to the testes of that male. Then when male number two has a stab at a female, some of the other male's sperm will be injected. Mating by proxy, as it were.

Q-Unlike eggs, sperm are reproduced throughout the entire life of the human male. But how many sperm are actually produced?

A-Numbers do vary between individuals, but on average, it is approximately 500 sperm per gram of testis per second. It does, however, take around sixty days for each sperm to mature fully.

Q-How long do the sperm survive in the female reproductive tract?

A-Again, it varies from species to species, but in humans it is approximately 40 hours. Or to put it another way, almost two days...

Q-Why, in the opinion of Desmond Morris, have breasts become sexualized?

A-He thinks that it is because of their resemblance to the buttocks. But then again, he thinks that everything looks like buttocks, or breasts, and genitals. I wonder what Freud would make of it all, another well-balanced male who didn't have stereotypical ideas...