

Target Your Reading

The Human Reproductive System

CHAPTER 13

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

1. **Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
 - Write an **A** if you **agree** with the statement.
 - Write a **D** if you **disagree** with the statement.
2. **After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you've changed your mind about any of the statements.
 - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
 - Change any false statements into true statements.
 - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

Before You Read A or D	Statement	After You Read A or D
	1. Every child is genetically related to one male and one female parent.	
	2. A female's reproductive system does not begin producing eggs until she reaches sexual maturity.	
	3. Both males and females begin to lose the ability to reproduce after age 54.	
	4. Millions of sperm fertilize one egg.	
	5. A developing fetus' heart does not begin to beat until after 24 weeks of development.	
	6. The umbilical cord and placenta supply the fetus with oxygen and nutrients from the mother's blood.	
	7. A mother's use of drug and alcohol can lead to health problems for her child as the child grows and develops.	