

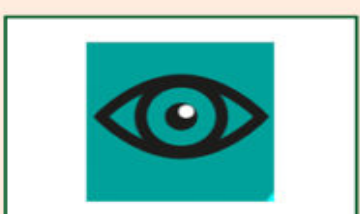
# Baby Development

## In The Third Trimester

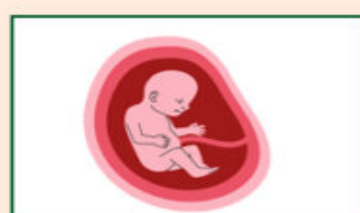
### 1 During The Seventh Month



The baby weighs about 3 pounds and is more than 15 inches in length.



Baby can open and close its eyes and follow sources of light.



Baby has a layer of fat developing on its body.

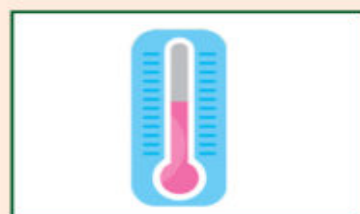


Baby's skin becomes clearer and the skull becomes pliable.

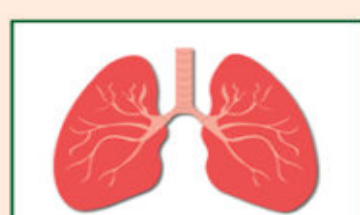
### 2 During The Eighth Month



The baby weighs about 4 and 3/4 pounds and is rounder.



Baby has more fat on its body to help regulate body temperature.



Baby's lungs are well-developed.

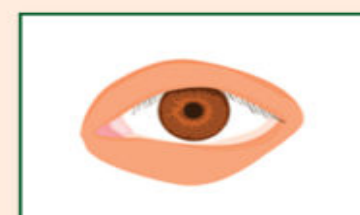


Baby's head may engage in the pelvis, and the cervix may start to dilate.

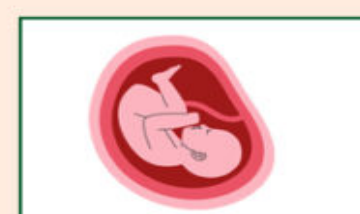
### 3 During The Ninth Month



Baby continues to gain weight and develops stronger grasping abilities.



Color pigmentation in the iris develops during this month.



Outer skin cells shed and are replaced with new skin.



The baby develops soft spots on the head that remain throughout the first year of birth.