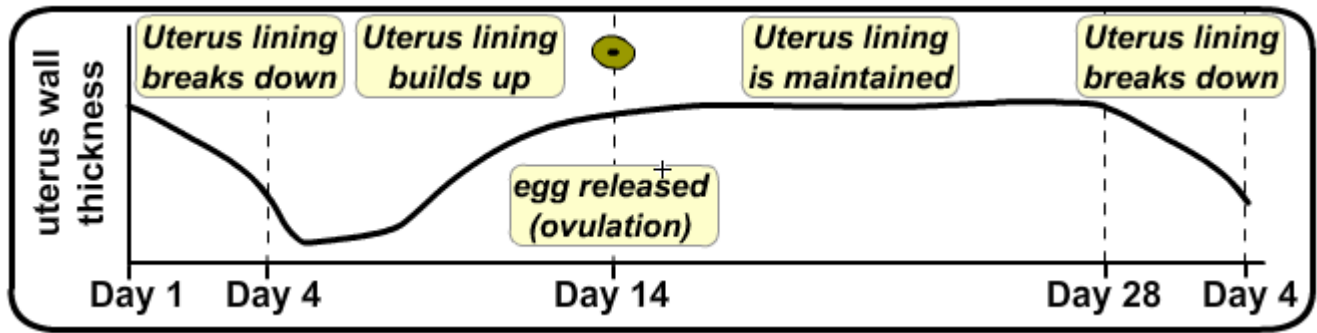


The menstrual cycle



Fill in the gaps in the text below using the words listed at the bottom of the page. Be careful, there is one red herring!

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| Day 1 | _____ starts as the lining of the _____ breaks down and passes out of the vagina - this is known as menstruation or 'having a _____'. |
| Day 4 | The uterus _____ begins to build up again forming a spongy layer full of _____ vessels. |
| Day 14 | An egg is released from the _____. The thick uterus lining is maintained ready for implantation of a _____ egg. |
| Day 28 | If the egg is not fertilized the whole _____ starts again (go back to day 1). |

ovaries

Bleeding

fertilized

uterus

blood

cycle

lining

oesophagus

period