

# PRO-LIFE FAST FACTS

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## HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

### EMBRYO

The unborn from the end of  
**Week 1 through Week 8**

### FETUS

The unborn from the end of  
**Week 8 until birth**

### HUMAN BEING

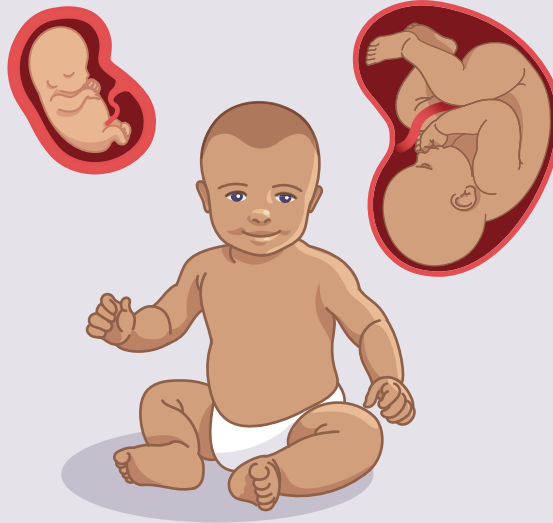
A member of the species  
**Homo sapiens**

### LIFE/ALIVE/LIVING

Whether something is “alive” is a purely scientific question that science has fully settled.  
**To be “alive,” the following criteria must be met:**

- ✓ Cellular organization
- ✓ Growth and development
- ✓ Metabolism (ability to capture, make, or utilize energy)
- ✓ Homeostasis (ability to maintain an internal equilibrium)
- ✓ Responsive to stimuli
- ✓ Reproductive capacity
- ✓ Contains all the genetic information needed to control its development for its lifetime

**ALL SEVEN OF THESE CRITERIA FOR LIFE ARE MET AT CONCEPTION.** This is a biological fact attested to by the American College of Pediatricians and nearly every embryology textbook used in medical schools. Even Planned Parenthood has admitted that life begins at conception, stating in one of their very own publications that “abortion kills life after it has begun.”



### PERSON

Defining “person” does not require complex philosophical or metaphysical analysis, despite claims to the contrary. Its definition is clear and simple, and found in nearly every dictionary. As Merriam-Webster states, as its very first definition, a “**person**” is a “**human.**”



### DAY 1

A fully alive human being,  
with unique DNA



### WEEK 9

Baby sighs, stretches, moves  
head, opens mouth, sucks thumb



### WEEK 5

Heart beating



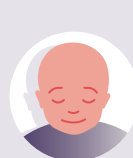
### WEEK 13

Body sensitive to touch



### WEEK 6

Brain activity; kidneys  
producing urine



### WEEK 21

Potentially viable