

sperm

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[spɜ:m] *n* **физиол.**

- 1) сперма
- 2) сперматозоид, мужская половая клетка

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[spɜ:m] **сокp.** *om spermaceti*

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[spɜ:m] **сокp.** *om sperm-whale*

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sperm [sperm sperms] *BrE* [spɜːm] ^m *NAmE* [spɜːrm] ^m **noun** (pl. **sperm** or **sperms**)

1. **countable** a cell that is produced by the sex organs of a male and that can combine with a female egg to produce young
 - He has a low **sperm count** (= very few live male cells) .
2. **uncountable** the liquid that is produced by the male sex organs that contains these cells

Syn: ↑semen

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via late Latin from Greek **sperma** 'seed', from **speirein** 'to sow'.

Collocations:**The living world***Animals*

animals **mate/breed/reproduce/feed** (on sth)

fish/amphibians **swim/spawn** (= lay eggs)

birds **fly/migrate/nest/sing**

insects **crawl/fly/bite/sting**

insects/bees/locusts **swarm**

bees **collect/gather** nectar/pollen

spiders **spin/weave** a web

snakes/lizards **shed their skins**

bears/hedgehogs/frogs **hibernate**

insect larvae **grow/develop/pupate**

an egg/a chick/a larva **hatches**

attract/find/choose a mate

produce/release eggs/sperm

lay/fertilize/incubate/hatch eggs

inhabit a forest/a reef/the coast

mark/enter/defend (a) territory

stalk/hunt/capture/catch/kill prey

Plants and fungi

trees/plants **grow/bloom/blossom/flower**

a seed **germinates/sprouts**

leaves/buds/roots/shoots **appear/develop/form**

flower buds **swell/open**

a fungus **grows/spreads/colonizes** sth

pollinate/fertilize a flower/plant

produce/release/spread/disperse pollen/seeds/spores

produce/bear fruit

develop/grow/form roots/shoots/leaves

provide/supply/absorb/extract/release nutrients

perform/increase/reduce photosynthesis

Bacteria and viruses

bacteria/microbes/viruses **grow/spread/multiply**

bacteria/microbes **live/thrive** in/on sth

bacteria/microbes/viruses **evolve/colonize** sth/cause disease

bacteria **break** sth down/convert sth (into sth)

a virus **enters/invades** sth/the body

a virus **mutates/evolves/replicates** (itself)

be **infected with/contaminated with/exposed to** a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria

contain/carry/harbour (*especially US*) harbor bacteria/a virus

kill/destroy/eliminate harmful/deadly bacteria

Example Bank:

- a high/low/normal sperm count

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Late Latin; Origin: sperma, from Greek, 'seed']

1. [countable] (also '**sperm cell**) a cell produced by the sex organs of a male person or animal, which is able to join with the female egg to produce a new life
2. [uncountable] the liquid from the male sex organs that these cells swim in **SYN semen**
3. **sperm count** a medical measurement of the number of sperm a man has, which shows if he is able to make a woman ↑pregnant

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