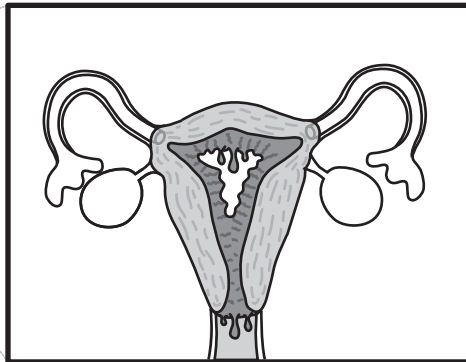
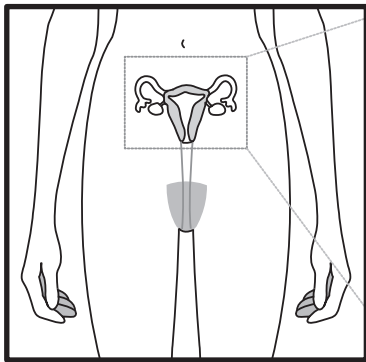
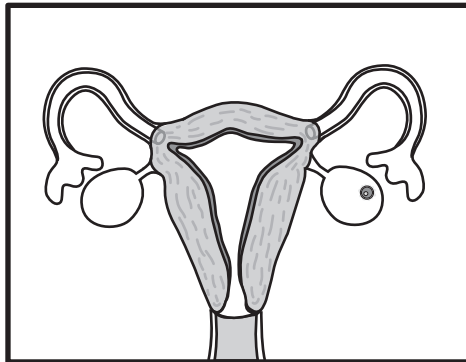


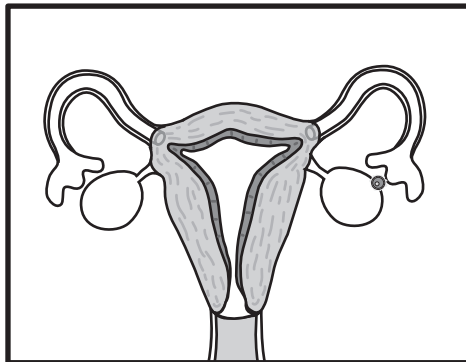
The Menstrual Cycle



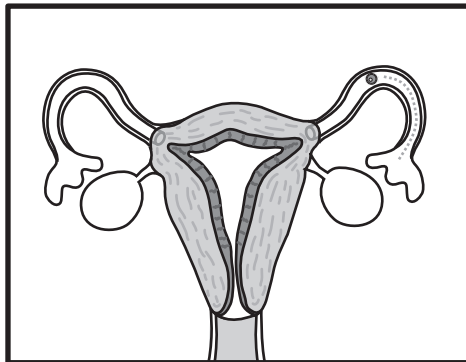
Beginning of cycle (menstruation)



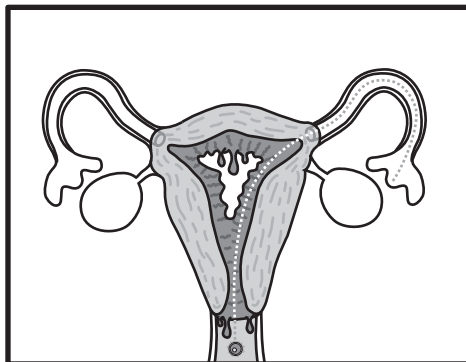
Ovum starts to mature (lining begins to thicken to prepare for possible pregnancy)



Release of mature ovum (ovulation)



Ovum travels to uterus



Beginning of next cycle (menstruation)