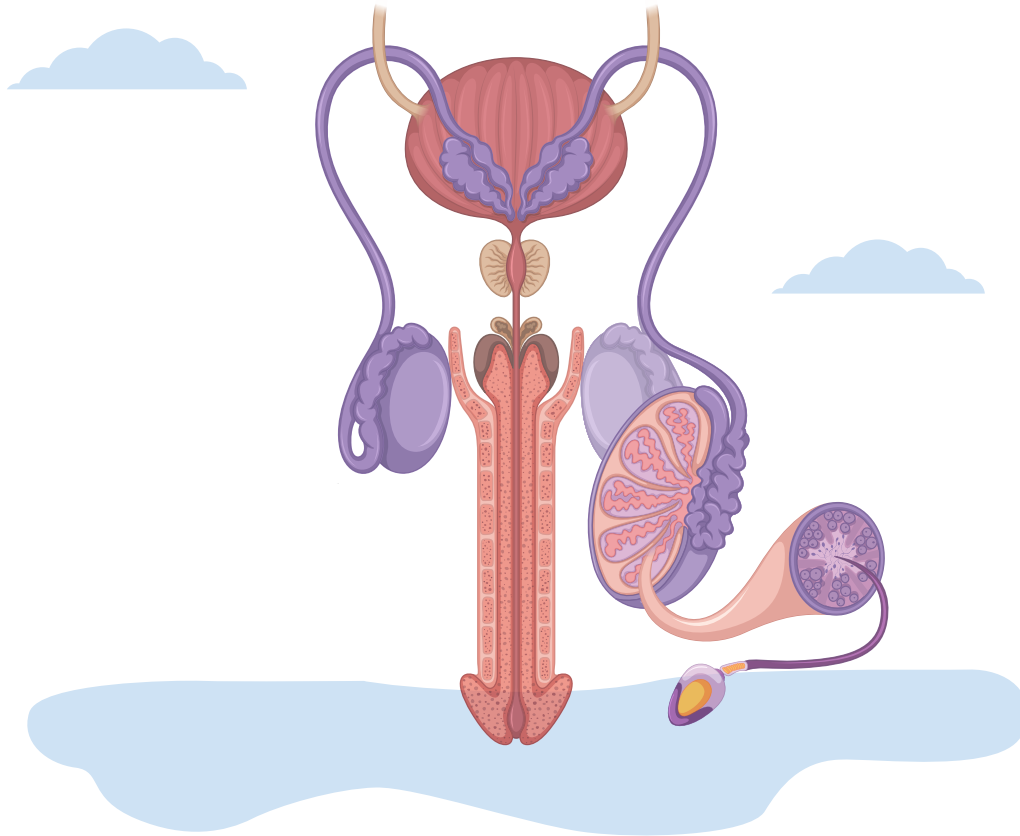


Worksheet 4 – Journey of the sperm



Seminal vesicle

Sperm pick up some energy from the nourishing fluid released by the seminal vesicles as they travel through the vas deferens.

Vas deferens (sperm tube)

Sperm move into the vas deferens and travel towards the prostate gland and the urethra.

Epididymis

Sperm are nourished and mature in the epididymis.

Testicles/ testes

Sperm are made in the testicles.

Penis

Sperm travel along the urethra and are ejaculated through the penis. If the sperm are ejaculated into a woman's vagina, they may cause a pregnancy. Although it only takes one sperm to fertilise an egg, millions of sperm are released in each ejaculation because most die off on their journey through the female body.

Prostate gland

Sperm get even more nourishment and protection from the semen produced by the prostate gland just before ejaculation through the penis.