



Stages of Labour



1st Stage of Labour (Lasts about 8 – 12 hours till the womb is completely open)



Pregnant woman



Mouth of the womb is almost closed and thick



Mouth of the womb is thinner and is opening a little



Mouth of the womb is fully open, water bag breaks

2nd Stage of Labour (Contractions push the baby out of the womb)



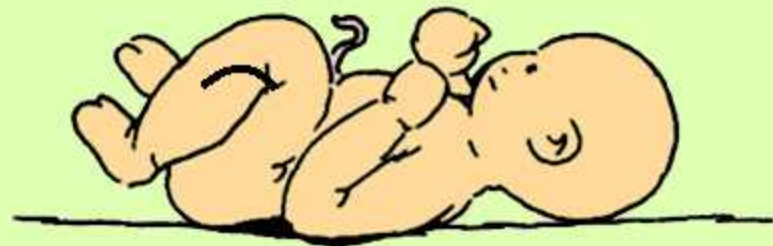
Baby moves down the birth canal until the baby's head is showing



The head is delivered



After the head is delivered the shoulders come out



The rest of the body of the baby is delivered

3rd Stage of Labour (Delivery of the placenta)



Contractions cause the placenta to separate out from the uterus and be pushed out