Change—A Measure of Growth (continued)

Things are not as easy as they used to be when you were little. It's hard to balance all the demands of your daily life. It is difficult to set priorities and manage your time. Family commitments sometimes seem secondary when social pressures build at school. This is the time when you, your peers, and your family need to find new ways to communicate, new ways to show support for one another, and new ways to show respect while you are trying out a new degree of independence.



"I've had to reprogram my voice recognition software six times—I hate puberty!"

You may have heard the saying, "Life is a journey, not a destination." The same could be said for handling change. If you learn how to see change as a sign post along the road in your journey, then it will be easier to keep your focus on the journey itself. While change is always somewhat stressful, learning to venture into the unknown is essential.

Right now, you are venturing into the great unknown that is called adolescence. A lot of changes will occur in the next ten years of your life, including high school, college, choosing a career, living on your own, and possibly getting married. All of these stages in the journey of life bring unexpected changes. Some will be difficult. Others will be easy. If you learn early how to embrace these changes and how to learn from them, then you will have an exciting and rewarding life. So what do you do? The only way to really handle change successfully is to expect it, go with it, and grow with it.

Anatomy Match

Cowper's gland	1	A. female reproductive cell
semen	2	B. the bottom end of the uterus
nocturnal emissions	3	C. sperm develop here
egg	4	D. stores mature sperm
urethra	5	E. tube sperm travel through
penis	6	F. egg cell develops here
testes	7	G. passageway for either urine and/or sperm to leave the body
epididymis	8	H. saclike pouch that holds the testes
prostate	9	secretes fluid that gives nourishment to sperm
ovary	10	J. makes a fluid that flushes the urethra before ejaculation
seminal vesicle	11	K. shedding of the lining of the uterus about every 28 days
ejaculation	12	L. external male reproductive organ
uterus	13	M. organ that holds a developing baby
fallopian tube	14	N. passageway from the ovary to the uterus
menstruation	15	O. male reproductive cell
vas deferens	16	P. fluid that contains sperm
sperm	17	Q. passageway from the uterus to the outside of the body
vagina	18	R. release of semen from the penis
scrotum	19	S. secretes a fluid which mixes with sperm
cervix	20	T. release of semen during sleep (also called "wet dream")