YOU SHOULD
NOT EXERCISE
DURING YOUR
PERIOD



feel better during your period. Doing gentle exercise like jogging, dancing, or yoga can make cramps hurt less and improve your mood.



BLEEDING LASTS 3-7 DAYS



Your first periods will last about 2-7 days.
After a few years, most periods last around 5 days, but they can be between 3-7 days.



EVERYONE
EXPERIENCES
THE SAME
SYMPTOMS



Everyone's period is different. Some people have only a few mild symptoms, while others might have more and find it harder to deal with. It's unique for each person.



YOUR PERIOD COMES EVERY 28 DAYS



A normal menstrual cycle can be 21 - 35 days.



IRREGULAR OR
ABSENT
PERIODS ARE
NOT NORMAL



When you first get your period, it might not come at the same time every month (it could be between 21-45 days), and that's ok! It can take about 2 years for it to become regular. Once it's regular, it's an important sign that your body is healthy!



YOU CAN HAVE
POSITIVE
SYMPTOMS
DURING YOUR
MENSTRUAL
CYCLE



It's not all negative! At certain times of your menstrual cycle you may have better skin, feel happy, motivated and stronger.



USING 3-6
'REGULAR' PADS
OR TAMPONS
PER DAY IS
NORMAL



During your period, you lose a small amount of blood, about 1-5 tablespoons. If you are leaking a lot or need to change your pad or tampon every 1-2 hours, it might mean you are bleeding heavily.



MENSTRUATION
IS ANOTHER
WORD FOR
PERIOD



Menstruation is the medical term, but it is commonly known as periods. Periods are part of the menstrual cycle.



ALL PERIOD SYMPTOMS ARE PHYSICAL



Periods can cause physical symptoms like cramps, back ache, bad skin and headaches. They can also affect how you feel, like making it hard to sleep, feel worried, or have less energy to do things.



CHANGES IN PERIOD BLOOD COLOUR ARE NORMAL



Period blood can be different colours. It might be dark red, brown, or black at the start or end of your period. Bright red blood is newer and is often around the heavier part of your period.



YOU CAN'T GO SWIMMING WHEN ON YOUR PERIOD



You can still go
swimming on your
period if you use the
right products.
Tampons, menstrual
cups, and special
period swimwear are
good options to try.



PERIODS
SHOULD START
BETWEEN AGE
8-15 YEARS OLD



The average age for periods to start is 12, however it is normal for this to be from age 8-15.

