The menstrual cycle

**1** The diagram shows how the thickness of the lining of the uterus changes. Write these labels in word boxes above the diagram.

The lining gets thicker An egg is released

The lining breaks down The lining stays thick



**2** Now complete these sentences using the words in the box.

**blood fertilised menstruation ovaries ovulation period vagina**

**a** Egg cells are released from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The time when they are

 released is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If the egg cell meets a sperm cell it

 will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If it does not, it will die.

**b** The time when the uterus lining breaks apart is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Another

 name for this is ‘having a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.’ During this time the uterus lining

 and a little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ passes out of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.