

# Glossary

<b>Low birth weight (LBW)</b>	birth weight below 2.5 kg
<b>Very LBW (VLBW)</b>	birth weight below 1.5 kg
<b>Extremely LBW</b>	birth weight below 1 kg
<b>Term gestation</b>	born at 37 0/7 – 41 6/7 weeks of gestation (i.e. since mother's last menstrual period [LMP])
<b>Preterm</b>	born before 37 0/7 weeks of gestation
<b>Very preterm</b>	born before 32 0/7 weeks of gestation
<b>Extremely preterm</b>	born before 28 0/7 weeks of gestation
<b>Post-term</b>	born at or after 42 0/7 weeks of gestation
<b>Chronological (or postnatal) age</b>	age since birth (e.g. an infant born 10 weeks ago at 32 weeks' gestation is 10 weeks of age/chronological age/postnatal age)
<b>Corrected age</b>	chronological age minus the number of weeks or months born preterm (with term defined as 40 weeks, for the purpose of calculation) (e.g. an infant born at 32 weeks' gestation, who is 10 weeks old in chronological age, is only 2 weeks old in corrected age)
<b>Postmenstrual age (PMA)</b>	the age of a baby or fetus when counted from the first day of the mother's LMP before pregnancy (e.g. a baby that was born at 32 weeks' gestation, who is 10 weeks old in chronological age, is 42 weeks in PMA)
<b>Stunting</b>	length-for-age z score less than 2 standard deviation scores below the WHO child growth standards median
<b>Underweight</b>	weight-for-age z score less than 2 standard deviation scores below the WHO child growth standards median
<b>Wasting</b>	weight-for-length z score less than 2 standard deviation scores below the WHO child growth standards median

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