

Dear Auntie Stella

I broke up with my boyfriend a few months ago because I knew he was sleeping with other girls. Then a week ago he came to say that he has an STI (sexually transmitted infection) and that I should go for a check-up in case he gave it to me.

Anyway, I went to the clinic yesterday and after some tests the nurse told me I have an STI. She said I **MUST** take all the pills because, if I don't, I may end up not being able to have children.

Now, that really scares me! I want to have lots of kids when I'm older and have found the right guy. I'd die if I found out I could never get pregnant.

Auntie, is it true? Do you think I may never have kids? Please tell me.

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TALKING POINTS

- Is it true that a boy or girl who has an untreated STI for a long time may become infertile? What else causes infertility?
- What would you worry about most if you found that you were infertile and couldn't have children?
- When a couple cannot have children, do you think it is most often because:
 - the man is infertile?
 - the woman is infertile?
 - it could be either the man or the woman?
- Do you think a couple can be happy without children? Why or why not?
- Do you know any ways that infertility can be cured?

