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su·per·fe·tate  (s 'pər-fē tāt')

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intr.v. su·per·fe·tat·ed, su·per·fe·tat·ing, su·per·fe·tates

To conceive when a fetus is already present in the uterus.

[Latin *superfētāre*, *superfētāt-* : *super-*, super- + *fētāre*, to breed (from *fētus*, offspring; see **dhē(i)-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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