QUICK HELP FOR NURSING LATCHING:

Your baby should latch like they're eating a taco, not drinking out of a straw. Your baby's mouth should be full of breast tissue with your nipple touching the back of their mouth at the soft palate. A good latch equals a deep, comfortable latch that feels like tugging. It should look like this:



- A big mouth full of breast tissue: like a taco, not a straw
- A baby who is sucking (though their eyes may be closed)
- Rolled up nice and close to you so their tummy is touching you
- You are seated comfortably, not hunched over your baby
- It feels like tugging, not pinching, not rubbing, not scraping

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE THESE THINGS: GET HELP!

MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO OFFER A BOTTLE & FORMULA FEEDING RESOURCES



video about latching

HOW TO KNOW IF YOUR BABY IS EATING ENOUGH:

The best way to know if your baby is eating enough is to follow their fullness and hunger cues.



FULLNESS CUES:

The First Seven Days

For breastfed babies: 8- 12 feeds over 24 hours

For bottle-fed babies: From around approx. 5-7 mL increasing to 60-81 mL per feeding; or from approx. 1 to 3 ounces per feeding

Weeks one and two:

For breastfed babies: 8- 12 feeds per 24 hours

For bottle-fed babies: Approx. 1-3 ounces 8-12 bottles per 24 hours

Weeks Three to Six

For breastfed babies: 8– 12 feedings per 24 hours, still unpredictable in timing For bottle-fed babies: 2– 4 ounces

Weeks Six to Twelve

For breastfed babies: 6– 10 feeds in 24 hours, but at more regular intervals For bottle-fed babies: 3– 4 ounces, but at more regular intervals

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