

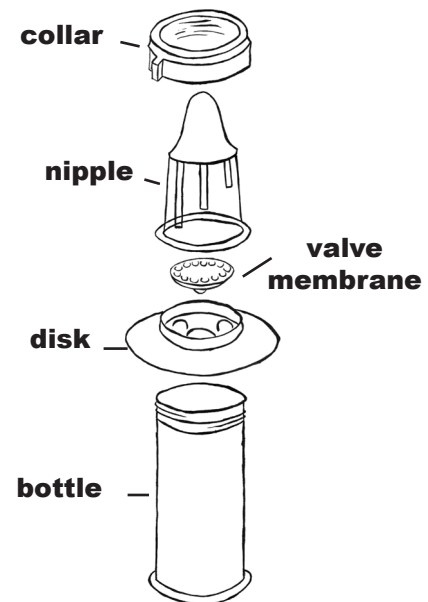
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# How to Use the Special Needs Feeder

Some babies have trouble feeding. They may find it easier with a **Special Needs Feeder** or a **Mini-Special Needs Feeder**, for smaller infants. This bottle has a silicone nipple that lets you control how slow or fast the formula flows. You can squeeze the nipple to help your baby suck. Once the baby learns how to use the nipple, the baby may be able to feed without you squeezing.

## How to put the bottle parts together

1. Put formula for one feeding in the bottle.
2. Press the valve membrane all the way into the upper side of the disk.
3. Put the nipple into the collar.
4. Put the valve membrane into the nipple.  
Face the valve membrane and the high rim of the disk up, toward the inside of the nipple.
5. Put the nipple on the bottle. Put the collar over the nipple and screw it on the bottle.



**Parts of the Special  
Needs Feeder**

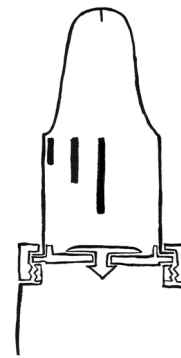
# How to Feed

## To fill the nipple

1. Hold the bottle up and squeeze the nipple to get the air out.
2. Keep squeezing the nipple, and tip the feeder upside down.
3. Let go of the nipple. The formula will fill the nipple.
4. As the baby feeds, the nipple will fill.

## How to change the flow of formula

1. Decide how fast you want the formula to flow  
Each line on the nipple is for a different flow rate.  
Slow flow: the short line  
Medium flow: the middle line  
High flow: the long line
2. Point the flow line you choose under the baby's nose.



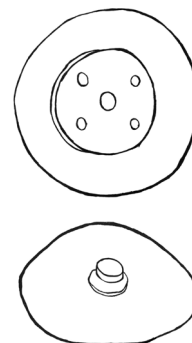
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## If your baby needs help

1. Gently squeeze and let go of the nipple to make formula flow. This will put a small amount of formula in your baby's mouth.
2. Let your baby swallow before you squeeze again.
3. Watch how your baby sucks and swallows and feed at the same pace.

## How to clean the Special Needs Feeder

1. After each time you use the bottle, take the feeder apart. Make sure you take the valve membrane and the disk apart, too.
2. Run cold water through the slit in the nipple to take out as much formula as possible.  
Do not turn the nipple inside out.  
Do not push brushes through the slit.



**Take the valve membrane and the disk apart.**

3. Wash all parts in warm soapy water.
4. Rinse all parts in cool water.
5. Each day, put all parts in boiling, distilled water for 20 minutes.

If you want to know more, read the instructions that came with the Haberman Feeder.

## Places to buy a Special Needs Feeder

**BEST Fed** 4920 W Thunderbird, Suite 122, Phoenix, 602-843-4111  
www.eBESTFed.com

**Baby Mother & More**, 1236 S. Gilbert Road, Mesa, 480-986-0328

**Every Mother & Child** 2905 S. Ellsworth, Mesa, 480-986-0238

**Just Juvenile** Scottsdale Air Park, 7807 E. Greenway Road, Suite 3,  
480-998-9949

**Mother's Milk** 10816 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, 480-922-4615

**Medela** 1-800-435-8316. www.medela.com

## Now that you've read this:

- Tell your nurse, doctor, or therapist why your baby needs a Special Needs Feeder. (Check when done.)
- Show your nurse, doctor, or therapist how you fill a Special Needs Feeder. (Check when done.)
- Show your nurse, doctor, or therapist how you feed your baby with a Special Needs Feeder. (Check when done.)
- Tell your nurse, doctor, or therapist how you would clean a Special Needs Feeder. (Check when done.)



If you have any questions or concerns,  
 call the Speech-Language Pathology Department  
at 602-933-0980  
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por favor pídasela a su enfermero o doctor.

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Name of Health Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: 926  
For office use: Date returned: \_\_\_\_\_  db

## Family Review of Handout

Health care providers: Please teach families with this handout.  
Families: Please let us know what you think of this handout.

Would you say this handout is hard to read?  Yes  No  
easy to read?  Yes  No

Please circle the parts of the handout that were hard to understand.

Would you say this handout is interesting to read?  Yes  No  
Why or why not?

Would you do anything differently after reading  
this handout?  Yes  No  
If yes, what?

After reading this handout, do you have any  
questions about the subject?  Yes  No  
If yes, what?

Is there anything you don't like about the drawings?

Yes

No

If yes, what?

What changes would you make in this handout to make it better or easier to understand?

Please return your review of this handout to your nurse or doctor or send it to the address below.

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**Thank you for helping us!**