

Choosing a training cup

- no valve
- snap on / screw on lid
- handles
- easy to wash



Avoid:
cups with teats / spouts / valves that baby has to suck on.



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Put your baby to bed without a bottle



3 good reasons to give up the bottle

Babies that continue with bottles after 12 months are more likely to get:

- tooth decay
- ear infections
- iron deficiency

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Teach your baby to drink from a cup

Best for baby's health

Start
around
6
months



At 6 months

Baby has mainly breastmilk or infant formula. Put your baby to bed without a bottle.



Baby begins to:

- eat foods from a spoon

- drink cool boiled water
- use a cup



6-12 months

Baby still has breastmilk or infant formula.

Baby learns to:

- drink from a cup
- eat family foods



12 months

Baby gives up the bottle and drinks from a cup



By 18 months

Baby is:

- eating independently
- drinking from a cup



Breastfeeding may continue past 18 months if it suits mother and child.

What your baby can drink

6-12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• breastmilk (recommended)• infant formula• cool boiled tap water
12-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• breastmilk (recommended)• water (when thirsty)

* Children 1-3 years of age should only have 1.5 serves of dairy per day, including milk.