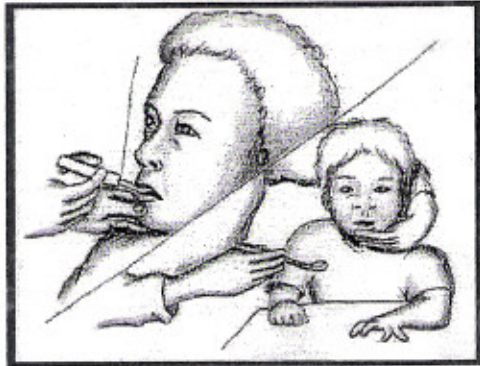


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Solving Feeding Problems

When drooling is a problem, try placing a smaller amount on the utensil. Make sure the head is aligned facing forward over the navel, and is slightly flexed (chin bent down).



Provide jaw support



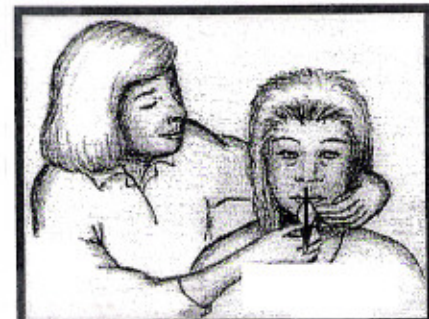
Provide lip support

The following are techniques to open the mouth when the student is refusing food or clenching a utensil.

1. Tap lightly on the lower lip to give the student a cue that the mouth needs to be open.



2. Firmly press downward on the lower lip with a utensil.



3. Use your thumb and index finger to stroke downward on either side of the nose, moving past the corners of the mouth, with firm pressure and slow, continuous movement.

