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Passy Pig: end of the pacifier dilemma

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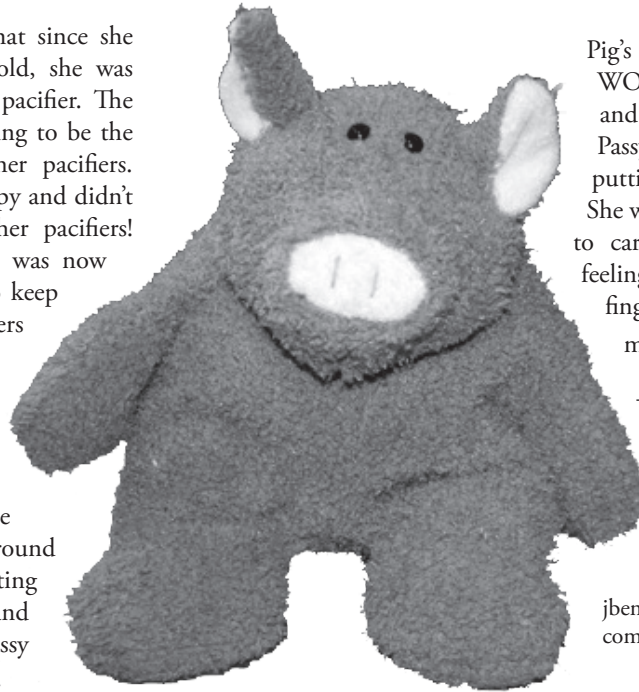
Here it is! Passy Pig is the answer to our big pacifier dilemma!

Joy's mom didn't know how she was going to take Joy's pacifier away from her. She was 3 years old now and should have stopped sucking the pacifier by age one, at the latest. Over the last 3 years, the Brown family had purchased many pacifiers to be sure that one was always available in every room, or vehicle, for little Joy.

At Joy's third birthday party, she received a soft and cuddly stuffed pig. Her mom calmly

explained to Joy that since she was now 3 years old, she was too old to suck a pacifier. The "Passy Pig" was going to be the new "home" for her pacifiers. Joy wasn't very happy and didn't want to give up her pacifiers! Mom told her she was now going to be able to keep ALL of her pacifiers nearby.

Mom carefully opened up the back of Passy Pig and removed part of the stuffing. She and Joy went around the house collecting all of the pacifiers and put them in Passy



Pig's belly and sewed it up! WOW! Joy could feel each and every pacifier inside Passy Pig without ever putting one in her mouth. She was so happy to be able to carry them everywhere, feeling them now with her fingers instead of her mouth!

Janet Bennett has 33 years of experience as a Speech/Language pathologist. Contact her at jbennett@ashevillespeech.com.

2009 Summer Reading Camp

Is your child ready for Kindergarten?

Asheville Speech Associates is excited to offer a week-long camp focused on promoting early language, reading, and writing skills. Individualized attention tailored to your child's specific needs will prepare your child for the critical transition

into Kindergarten.

Objectives of Camp:

- Increase language and vocabulary
- Increase literacy skills (rhyming, naming letters, letter-sound associations, reading aloud, comprehension-building skills, writing letters, and developing a love of reading)

When: August 3rd-7th 9 am - 11 am (perfect timing for introducing your child to Kindergarten skills!)

Where: Asheville Speech Associates, 1063 Haywood Rd., Asheville, NC 28806

*Spaces are limited
enroll now!!*

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(828) 285-8814 or
office@ashevillespeech.com**

Asheville Speech Associates offers a full reading program with both assessment and treatment.

Speech Sound Development

Most children do not learn how to say all of the sounds at one time. Instead, they usually learn them in the sequence listed below.

18 months: You should be able to understand 25% of what your child says.

2 years: You should be able to understand 60-75% of what your child says.

3-4 years: Your child should be able to make these sounds: M, H, W, P, B, N, T, D, K, G, and F. A 4 year old's speech should be intelligible to most listeners.

¿Usted Sabía?

Asheville Speech Associates proporciona terapia del discurso en español ahora.

Testimonials

“Melodie Meadows is absolutely wonderful! She helped my oldest daughter and my youngest daughter. They both just love her. She is the best teacher they have ever had. She is truly a blessing to your company. I always refer her to people who are looking for a speech therapist. Ms. Wilma is always so nice too. Thank you!

– **Mother of a child with an articulation delay.**

“Both Kady Hendrix and Aisha Al-Majed were super. I am the blessed mother of 2 developmentally disabled children. As you can imagine, teaching is a challenge in itself but these angels who teach only special children possess great patience, sensitivity and compassion. Thank you.”

– **Mother of an autistic child**

“Janet Bennett was wonderful! My son felt comfortable with her and she obviously encouraged him very much! He successfully stopped thumb sucking after 9 years!! A very friendly, approachable person who made the whole experience very EASY!”

– **Mother of a child with Tongue Thrust**

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Asheville Speech Associates will be offering summer speech therapy. If your child is receiving speech therapy at school and you do not want to take a chance of relapse over the summer, call us for summer therapy.

4-5 years: Your child should now be able to make the "TH" sound in "this."

5-6 years: Your child should now be able to make the following sounds: F, V and L.

6 and Older: Your child should now be able to make the following sounds: NG as in "ring"; TH as in "thumb"; S, Z, SH, CH, J, R and blends.

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