

Module 5: Atypical Development—Increasing Awareness
Atypical Development Brainstorm Handout (Milestone 2)

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Directions: Brainstorm three additional ways in which a child may perform the skill in an atypical manner.

Milestone 2: Swallows strained or pureed foods

Age: 6 months

Domain: Adaptive

Administration: Ask the parent “Has _____ started to eat baby food or cereal?” If so, ask the parent to tell you what types of foods he is eating, inquire about the consistency of the food, and ask about the quantity eaten. The baby does not need to swallow much food to pass the item; the child needs to have simply demonstrated the ability to swallow strained or pureed foods. Also ask if the child has any problems such as gagging, tongue thrusting, excessive spitting, or vomiting when eating.

Pass: The item is passed if the child can swallow at least half of the strained/pureed food presented on a small spoon.

Atypical: The item is considered atypical if the baby strongly and involuntarily bites the spoon. The item may also be considered atypical if:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____