

Homework

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What does success look like to you?

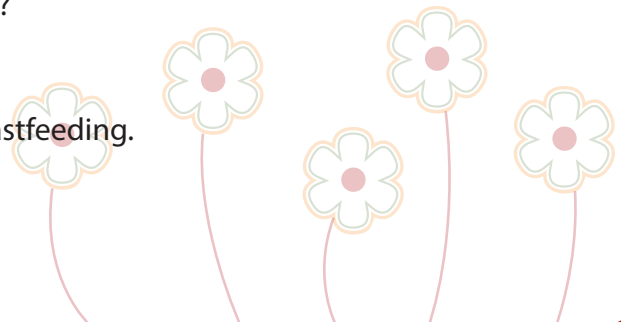
How long do you want to breastfeed?

Do you want to exclusively breastfeed?

Did your thoughts about breastfeeding change after watching the DVD?

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1. Why is breastmilk best?
2. Name the four components of breastmilk.
3. What is colostrum?
4. Is breastmilk easier for your baby to digest?
5. Do babies prefer breastmilk?
6. Name three benefits of breastfeeding.



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Colostrum is the first milk you produce.

4. Is breastmilk easier for your baby to digest?

Yes.

5. Do babies prefer breastmilk?

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6. Name three benefits of breastfeeding.

Answers will vary but may include weight loss, bonding, and breast cancer risk reduction.

