

## ASK A DENTAL EXPERT

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**Q** *My son sucks his thumb. What will happen if I don't stop him doing it?*

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**A** Many children suck their thumbs or even a couple of fingers, but most will grow out of this 'comforting' habit before their second teeth grow. However, front teeth can be displaced and speech affected. Usually, these problems are reversible, either naturally or by treatment with braces.