

- Let the child first examine someone else's mouth, such as the parent, the nurse or a puppet (Fig. 4-26, A), and then examine child's mouth.



FIG 4-26 A, Encouraging a child to cooperate. B, Positioning a child for examination of the mouth.

- Instruct child to tilt the head back slightly, breathe deeply through the mouth, and hold the breath; this action lowers the tongue to the floor of the mouth without the use of a tongue blade.