

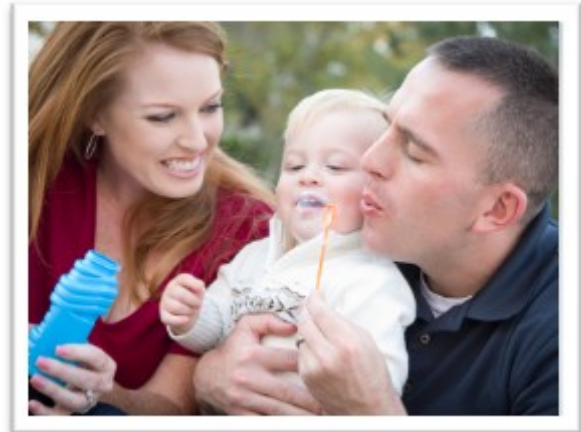
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10 Ways to Help Language Development With ... A Pot of Bubbles!

Sit down on the floor with your child. Blow bubbles from your pot of bubbles, and watch your child's reaction! Enjoy the activity together. Let them have a go at blowing them too.

Bubbles are magical – here's what they can do to help your young child's early language and communication development:



- ✓ Captures your child's interest
- ✓ Extends his concentration, looking and listening
- ✓ Develops shared attention to the same activity, and taking turns
- ✓ Anticipation and following a short sequence of events: cause and effect
- ✓ Pointing and gesture
- ✓ Developing early sounds, babble and fun sounds e.g. "oooh", "bubububu", "pop!"
- ✓ Developing early vocabulary, e.g. "more", "again", "bubbles"
- ✓ Developing understanding, e.g. "where?", "more bubbles?", "again?"



Children aged 3 – 5 years can also benefit through:

- ✓ Learning to make more precise lip rounding and controlling their breath for blowing their own bubbles – can they blow a whole stream of bubbles?
- ✓ Early number and verbal concepts: Count the number of bubbles together, and comment using concepts like "more/less", "big/little", "up/down", "under/over/in/behind/through", "bigger than/smaller than"; try out the different shaped wands for even more interest .

Simple and Fun!