



Ideas to Encourage Early Language

for parents

Promote Eye Contact

Eye contact is important to learn. You can do this by blowing bubbles to your child. When the bubbles have gone wait. Hold the bubbles at your eye level and wait for your child to look over at the bubbles.

When she looks towards you open the bubbles up at your eye level and blow more bubbles.

Requesting

Blow bubbles to your child, screw the lid on and wait. Your child may try to open the bubbles, then he/she will hand them back to you – this is your first sign of a request.

say “MORE” “you want MORE bubbles”. Blow more bubbles with your child and repeat.

Sign

Blow bubbles to your child. Wait. Sign “MORE” and blow more bubbles. Wait for a response or a sign.

Does your child sign MORE?

It will take a little time and lots of repetition for new signs to be used.



Turn Taking

This is a fun way to learn my turn, your turn.

Say “my turn” and point to yourself to pop the bubbles, then after the bubbles have disappeared say “your turn”. Keep doing this sequence for your child to take turns.

Breath Control

Strong tummy muscles can help sentence length and better breathing.

Work with your child to blow consistently longer streams of bubbles each time you blow bubbles from the wand.

2 Word Sentences

Decide on a few 2 word phrases you will use to teach your child while playing such as “more bubbles”, “pop bubbles”, “bubbles gone”, “want bubbles” and say them when you are playing so that your child can copy.