

Why not try  
this at home..?

## Tips and ideas to help you develop your toddler's communication skills

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### Blow bubbles in June

Have a go at blowing bubbles together and encourage your child to watch and pop them. You can use shop bought bubbles or make your own. Use describing words while you play, such as big, small, high and low. And repeat words such as pop, blow, more and again, to help build up the number of words they know.

Practising blowing bubbles helps to build your child's mouth and lip muscles, which is important when they are beginning to form words and sounds.

#### How to make your own bubble mixture

Mix together:

- 600ml water
- 150ml washing up liquid
- 2 tablespoons glycerine (you can buy this at a chemist).

#### How to make your own bubble container

- small container (yoghurt or fromage frais pot)
- drinking straw (cut in half)
- J cloth or flannel
- elastic band.

Make a hole half way down the side of the container and insert half a drinking straw. Pour some of the bubble mixture into the container above the level of the straw. Cover the top of the container with a piece of J cloth or flannel and secure with the elastic band. Blow through the straw and watch the bubbles grow through the cloth.

### Tips



- Go on a walk with your child to look for bugs and count how many legs they have. This will help develop your child's language and knowledge of numbers.
- Help your child learn words such as on, under, behind, above and next to, by playing hide and seek with their teddy.
- Make cakes together and talk about what you're doing. Let your child choose how to decorate them.

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