

Bubbles are a great way to target a variety of speech and language skills, while also having fun! Here are some ways you can use bubbles to promote a child's speech and language development.

Requesting

Bubble containers can be hard for children to open themselves, but this offers a great opportunity for them to request help! Work on words such as "help" and "open." If a child doesn't use these words but still hands you the bubble container, that's still a request! When they hand you the container, model the word for them.

You can also work on requesting while blowing bubbles. After you've blown a few, stop and wait for the child to communicate they want more. Begin by introducing the word "more" and then eventually transition into "want more," "more bubbles," or "want more bubbles."



Speech Sounds

If a child is working on the *p*, *b*, or *m* sound, then bubbles are a great activity that will provide multiple opportunities to practice those sounds. Have the child say the word "pop" every time they pop a bubble. Other target words include bubble, more, up, blow, my, and bye-bye.

Blowing bubbles can also help a child learn how to round their lips for the *w* (e.g. wow), *o* (e.g. boat) and *oo* (e.g. shoe) sounds.

Vocabulary

Bubbles can be used to teach new vocabulary words, including nouns, verbs, and descriptors. Try modeling the following words.

Bubbles	Pop	Dip	Round	Wet	Out	Two	Few
More	Small	All done	Up	My	On	Many	A little
Want	Big	Left	Down	Your	One	Some	A lot
Again	Blow	Right	Sticky	In	All gone		

You can also introduce various body parts if the bubbles land on them, such as tummy, nose, head, and hands.

Turn Taking

Take turns blowing bubbles with the child and other members of your household. Pair each turn with a verbal cue, such as "my turn" and "your turn."