

Bubbles

This game is to help your child to ask for 'more'. This is one of the most important first words. It helps your child realise that they can get something they want by saying something. This is what communication is all about.

You need to find something that motivates your child to communicate. One of the best things for this is bubbles because they are 'there and then gone' providing a reason for your child to ask for 'more'.

You will need some bubbles to play this game. Open them and blow some bubbles for your child using simple language, e.g. 'look bubble!' When the bubbles have popped screw the lid back on, place them in front of your child and wait.

If your child reaches for the bubbles let them and wait for them to ask for your help. If your child looks at you and makes a sound, take this as an attempt to ask. Model the word 'more' and wait for your child to try to copy you. If they try to copy you unscrew the lid and blow some more bubbles and then replace the lid again. After each turn wait until your child tries to ask for more.

Keeping focussed

Make sure you keep your child's attention by making the activity fun and engaging and praising their efforts. Keep the game short and sweet if they are struggling to remain focussed.

Variations:

To make this game easier, take any form of communication (a brief look, a smile, a sound) as an indication for more.

To make this game harder, pause expectantly when they look at you, waiting for them to have a go at saying the word 'more' themselves.