

Babbling Babies

Expressing Myself - Bubbles

0-6 months

- Blow bubbles with baby. Tell them what you are doing
- Pop them gently
- Blowing bubbles for tiny babies should be a gentle activity
- Watch how they respond
- Do they smile, kick their legs, wave their arms?
- Do they stiffen their arms and legs, look away, cry or wrinkle their face?
- See whether they are enjoying the game or not and if not, stop

6-12 months

- Blow bubbles with baby. Tell them what you are doing
- Pop them gently
- Watch together as they fall
- Blow big ones and little ones. Blow bubbles so they land on baby's toes or hands.
- Watch how they respond
- It should be easier to tell whether baby is enjoying the game

12-18 months

- Blow bubbles with baby. Tell them what you are doing
- Let baby try and blow a bubble- it may be hard, but they will enjoy it
- Let baby pop the bubbles
- Catch a bubble on the wand as it falls. Talk about it, let baby pop it and talk about that
- Watch how they respond. Do they point, grab, make a noise?
- Use words like "more", "again" and as your baby gets older link those words together "more bubbles" or "bubbles again" or "bubbles please".