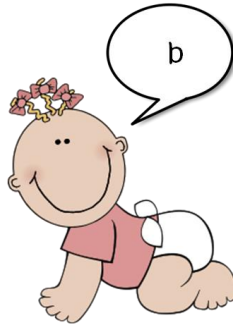


## Early Speech Sound /b/



### **Mirror Practice**

Practice the sound with your toddler in front of a mirror. Children love seeing themselves in a mirror!

### **Identify and Talk**

Find and point out toys and objects around you that start with the /b/ sound. Talk about them with your toddler while targeting the /b/ sound over and over. For example, if you see a bug you can say, "Look, there's a bug. The bug is flying. The bug says buzz, buzz, buzz." Also, have your child imitate the object and toy names if he or she is able. Not only will these sounds help with articulation they will also build vocabulary skills!

### **Ball Play**

Roll, throw or kick a ball back and forth with your toddler. Try to get him to say/imitate "ball" each time he wants to roll, throw, or kick it. If he cannot say "ball" have him make the /b/ sound (i.e. "buh") to get his turn with the ball. If he is able to put a few words together have him say, "more ball" or "I want ball" for each turn. Bounce the ball up and down while trying to get your toddler to say "bounce". Describe the ball to your child to model correct speech and language by saying simple phrases such as, "big ball", "red ball", or "little ball".

## **Blow bubbles**

Have your toddler request “bubble” to get you to blow more bubbles. If pronunciation is an issue, have him say “buh” or “buh-buh” for bubbles each time you blow them until he can say the word correctly. If he is beginning to put words together have him say, “more bubble” or “want more bubble.” Blow big bubbles and have your toddler say “big” each time he wants a big bubble. Phrase targets include “big bubble” and “more big bubble”.

## **Play with baby dolls**

Show your toddler a baby doll, and try to get him to imitate “baby”. Play with the baby doll and pretend to feed it (phrase to target: “baby eat”), put it to bed (“phrase to target: “night-night baby”), and give it a drink (phrase to target: “baby drink”). Use real objects during pretend play with the baby such as a spoon, blanket, and cup.

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