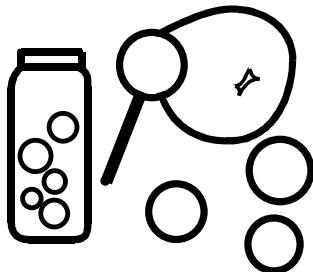
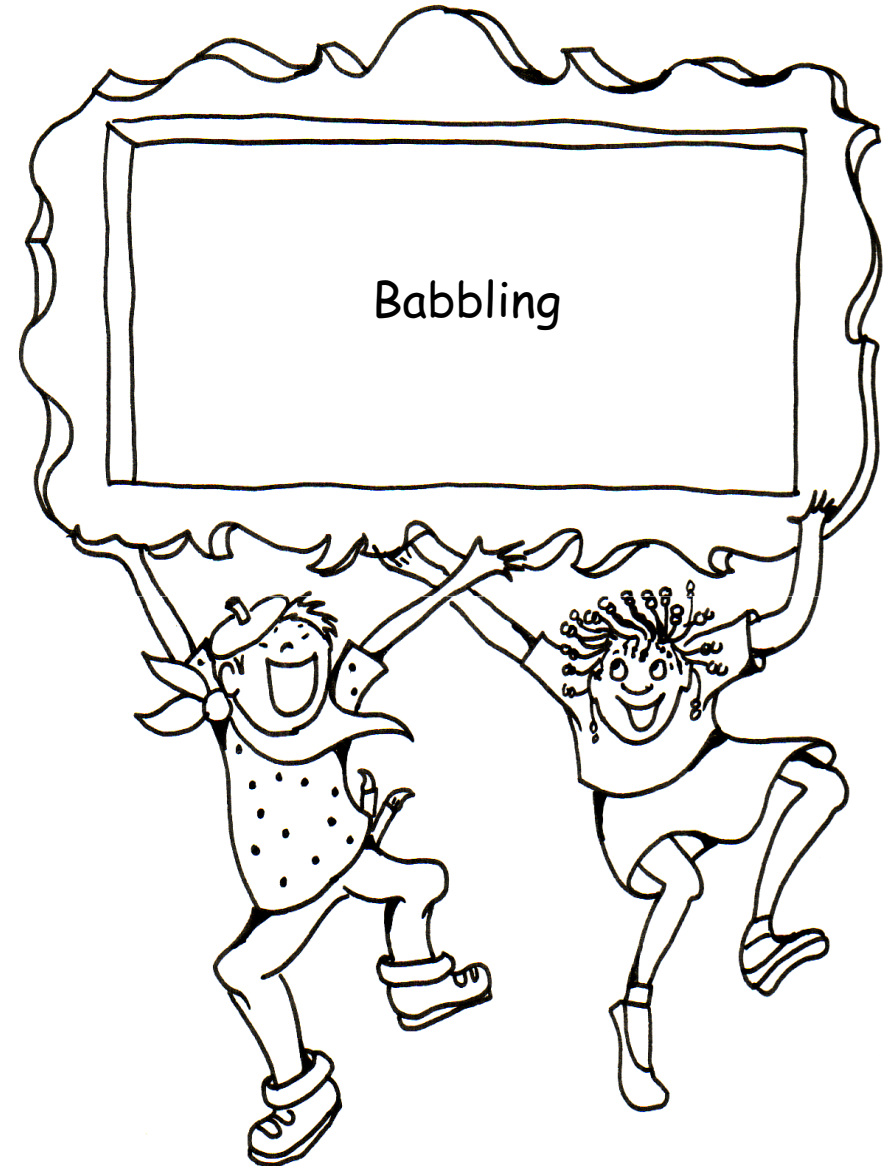


➤ Play games where the child has to vocalise to get more e.g. for more bubbles, bricks, crisps. Don't expect the speech to be clear to start with. Watch for good looking at the object and any vocal attempt.

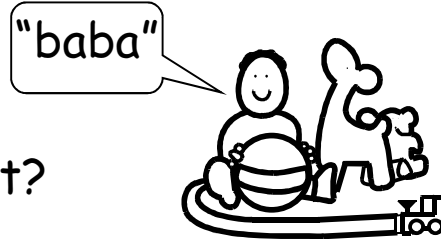


➤ As your child starts to vocalise meaningfully, you can model the correct word so for example if they say "isit" you can say "yes biscuit" Don't get them to repeat it until they say it correctly, just let them hear it again.



## What is babble?

- Babble is the early sounds a child makes before words.



## Why is babble important?

- It gives your child the chance to practise making sounds that will later develop into words.

## How does it help speech development?

- If you respond to your child saying "mumum" by saying "yes, Mummy!" they will be encouraged to do it again. This is the way early language develops.
- When a child babbles and chews their food, they are exercising the muscles in the mouth that are needed for speech.

## What can I do to help?

- At every chance make noises that match the situation. If you see and hear a police car or ambulance copy the sound.



- Copy animal sounds in books.
- Make sounds that go with an action e.g. "ah" with a cuddle or "uh oh" when something goes wrong.
- Make sounds that go with your games e.g. "weeee" as you push a car or roll a ball to them.
- If your child makes a noise, copy them and make it longer e.g. if they say "ga" you say "gaga"