

# Playing with sounds



## What we know

Spoken languages are made up of many different sounds.

Babies play with making the sounds they hear around them from a very young age.

Have fun with your baby making the sounds that will become words that have meaning for others.

Talking playfully with your baby like this helps them to feel safe, secure and loved. Responding to their babbles lets them know you care about what they are saying.

## What to do

Mimic the sounds your baby makes and see if you can get some giggles. Make funny faces while making sounds.

Vary the speed, pitch, rhythm and volume.

Clap, stamp and click to the sounds you make.



## A book to read

*Clippity-Clop*  
by Pamela Allen



## Things to say

'Let's see what sounds we can make:  
ooohly ahhhly... shooosh... woosh...  
ping, ding, bong!'

'Look at my mouth opening and closing.'  
'Watch my tongue wagging and wiggling.'  
'The dog is saying arrooof, arooof!'  
'Your shoes are going cerlunk, cerlunk,  
cerlunk on those steps!'

'Craaak-click goes the gate!'  
'Here comes the vacuum cleaner...  
vroooooom!'  
'Skreek skreek goes the tap!'  
'Here comes the water... awooosh,  
splash!'