

## Bath time

Encourage your child to choose some clean plastic containers - for example, cups and bottles of various sizes - and shapes to play with at bath time. Play together, exploring how the bottles can be filled and emptied; notice what your child is doing and talk about what is happening. Enjoy this playful time together and praise your child for having a go. You can have more fun by repeating your child's comments and adding new words in the conversation.



### Supporting your child to develop their language

Repeating comments and words can help your child to remember, so then it can be easier for your child to use words themselves and help with their communication.

#### Words to share

Big, small, empty, full, half full, overflowing

### Making it work for your family

You could show your child different ways to fill and empty one or two bottles - it's great fun to do this together; everyone feels successful.

As your child's confidence grows, you can watch more and encourage them to explore new containers on their own - your smile and comments will help to keep your child interested.



### Next time you could try ...

adding bubbles, spoons, sieves or funnels for more exploring together; you could use containers with numbers written on them too.

finding out together how many little bottles it takes to fill the big bottle.

**Look** all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.