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# Laminated Speech Bubbles

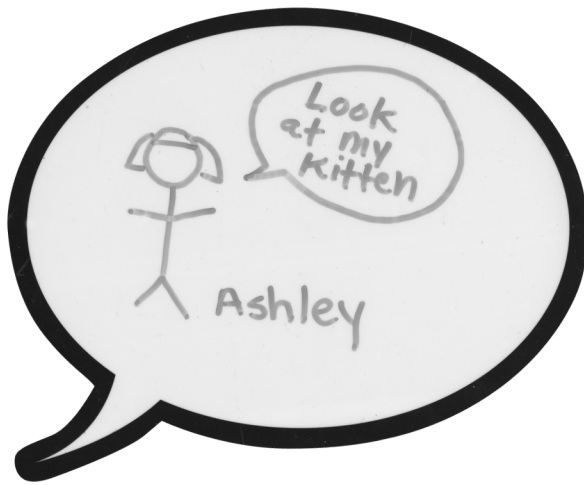


Speaking, listening, reading and writing can all be enhanced in a playful way by using these twelve large, laminated speech bubbles. They are sturdy, big enough to be seen, and easily erased and reused.

## Teacher Directed Activities

At group time use the speech bubbles to introduce the print concept of quotation marks.

- Demonstrate the concept by showing a stick figure with a speech bubble. Print the words being spoken on the bubble as children watch. Read it to the children.
- Then, as the children watch, write the same sentence using quotation marks and read it aloud to the children.



Teachers can also use the speech bubbles for functional literacy in visual displays around the room. They can remind children of:

- appropriate behaviors
- daily procedures
- kind and helpful words
- directions for a new activity

## Independent Activities

Once children are familiar with the concept of speech bubbles, they can use them independently at a learning center by:

- First writing a sentence using a stick figure and speech bubble, then converting the sentence to one using quotation marks.
- Making up dialog for the characters of a favorite story by first drawing the characters then printing the dialog on speech bubbles.



## Enrich Children's Learning

Invite children to work with a partner to communicate with speech bubbles. One child can write a sentence in a speech bubble and give it to a friend. The friend can then convert the sentence by using quotation marks.