

Check out the YouTube video
'Helping my child to talk: Use gestures'
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2. Use Gestures

- Gestures help young children to understand more words by giving them a visual clue about the meaning of words.
- There is a strong link between young children's use of gestures & pointing, and their talking skills as they grow up.

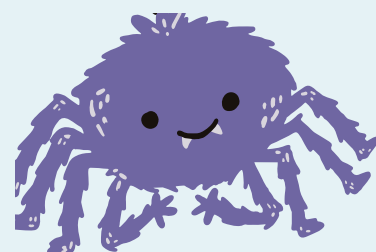
Playing with vehicles (e.g. cars, boats, aeroplanes)



Use gestures when you say words during play.

If your child is pushing a car, you could do a 'driving' action when saying "car"

Songs and rhymes



Use simple actions when you sing key words from a song or rhyme, You could point to body parts during 'head, shoulders, knees & toes', make an 'incy wincy spider' with your fingers, & pretend to 'row, row, row' your boat!



Water play

If your child is pouring water, you could do a pouring action with your hand while saying "pour". If they make a splash you could do a splashing action with your hands and say "splashing"!



What other gestures could you use throughout the day?