

Using Gestures with your child

Say a word and use a simple gesture along with it to help your child understand what the word means.

Make a 'c' shape with your hand and bring it to your mouth to show 'drink' or 'drinking'.

Always use the same gesture for a word to avoid confusing your child.

Make sure your child can see you when you are using a gesture.

Be sure to always say the word and make the gesture at the same time.

Using gestures is a really good way to help your child understand words because they give clues about what you are saying.

Gestures can also give your child a way of talking with you before they learn to talk.

