



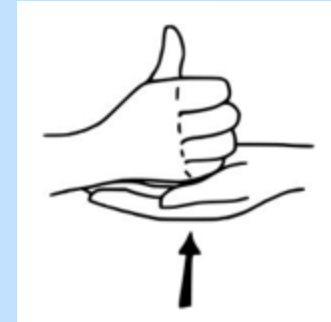
Core Vocabulary

Core vocabulary words are used in many situations and help make things happen, like *more*, *finished*, or *help*.

What to do?

Use Makaton signs for core words throughout the day. Say and sign single words like “more” instead of longer phrases like “Do you want more.”

Help



Help

More



More

Finished



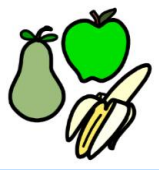
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Examples



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Cut up your child's snack and give them one piece at a time. When they show they want more say and sign 'more'.



Put a toy the child likes in a clear box with a lid, when the child shows they want help opening it, say and sign "help".



Play the child's favourite song and pause it, when the child shows they want "more", model saying and signing 'more'.



Put one shoe on the child and when they indicate they want you to put the other one on, say and sign "help".



At the end of an activity (e.g. reading a book, playing a game, bubbles) say and sign "finished".



If your child is brushing their teeth, when they have finished, you can say and sign "finished".



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