
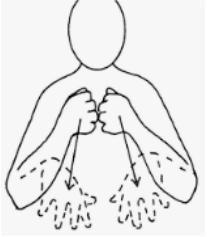






## Using signs and symbols to support understanding in everyday situations

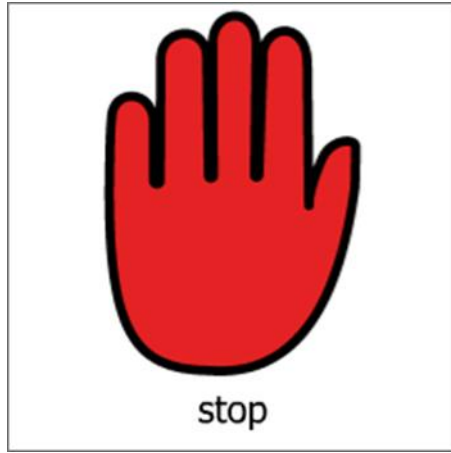
Using signs and symbols to support your child's understanding is really easy to do:

- Show the symbol to your child.
- Use simple spoken language e.g. 'time for the toilet' or 'help'
- Add the sign if you can and show the symbol again, repeating your language e.g. time for toilet or you need 'help'.

<p><b>Finished</b></p>	<p>This means an activity you have been doing has come to an end</p> <p>e.g. "Snack time has <u>finished</u>, time for circle" "Outside has <u>finished</u>, time for bath"</p>	<p>finished</p>  <p>(you might see this used on timelines)</p>	<p>Use Makaton sign for finished</p> 
<p><b>Stop</b></p>	<p>This means you should not be doing that/that is not allowed.</p> <p>e.g. "<u>stop</u> hitting" or "stop climbing"</p>	<p>stop</p> 	<p>Use Makaton sign for 'no'</p>  <p>No</p>
<p><b>Not available</b></p>	<p>This means you can't have something you want right now</p> <p>e.g. "chocolate is <u>not available</u>" or "water play is <u>not available</u>"</p>	<p>not available</p> 	<p>Use Makaton sign for 'no'</p>  <p>No</p>

The words/phrases 'finished', 'stop' and 'not available' are all quite similar. However, they all mean different things and it is important that we use them consistently for them to be effective.

Symbols – for best results, make copies then cut out and laminate



Other useful symbols we use in school are:

