

You can also help your child to put two words together with a variety of games.

Tell each other what to do;

'touch nose'

'wave hands'

'sit down'



Play a 'washing teddy' game.  
Encourage your child to describe what is being washed;

'wash hands'

'wash face'

Make a 'Gone Box'

Cut a hole in a cardboard box and let your child post objects through it. Name the object, and as it disappears, say 'gone'

'teddy gone', 'cup gone'

Help your child learn how to play by making them wait for the two words before posting the object.



Speech and Language Therapy Service

## Helping Your Child To Put Two Words Together



Once your child is using lots of single words, they may need help to start joining them together.

There are lots of ways you can help your child to do this.

For more information, contact Speech and Language Therapy:  
Tel 01535 295652 or

<http://www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/services/speech-and-language-therapy/>

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Turn the TV or radio off whilst you practice so that your child can hear you and other people speaking.

You can encourage your child to use two words instead of one by asking;

'What are you doing?

'What's happening'

Use the words your child already knows, to show how words can be joined together.

Give examples of two word sentences made up of the words they already know;

'more' + 'juice' = 'more juice'

'Daddy' + 'gone' = 'Daddy gone'

'want' + 'teddy' = 'want teddy'

'kick' + 'ball' = 'kick ball'



Add one word to what your child says;

Repeat the word your child uses, and add another word to make a two word phrase;

for example;

if your child says 'ball' you can say 'throw ball' or 'kick ball'

if your child says 'juice' you can say 'more juice' or 'want juice'

Give your child lots of examples of two word phrases during daily routines;

*Starting the day*

'wash hands', 'brush teeth', 'socks on'

*Playing games*

'kick ball', 'catch ball'

*Meal times*

'more drink', 'drink gone', 'no more', 'mummy's spoon'

*Sorting clothes*

'Daddy's sock or Mummy's sock?'

*Bed time*

'Light on', 'teddy sleep', 'read book', 'light off'

