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- Repeat what he says to you. This will let him know that you are listening and will also increase his language learning.
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- Place a slight emphasis on the words that your child leaves out or says incorrectly.

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- Expand on your child's sentence (e.g. If your child says "car" you could say "that's right, *mummy's* car").
- Use sentences that are slightly longer than the sentences your child is able to say.



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- Only sign key-words
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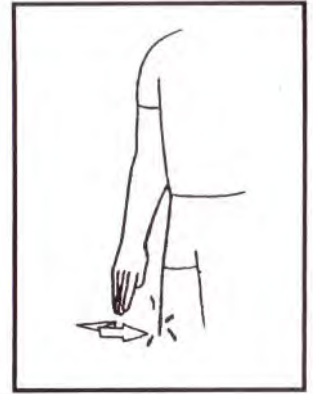
LOUD - Make L-shape with dominant index finger and thumb, level with head. Move formation away from head.



WHERE? - Open both hands and simultaneously move each hand from side to side, twice.



BIG - Place both open hands, palms facing body, fingers spread in front of body, one hand in front of other. Move hands out to either side in an arc.



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