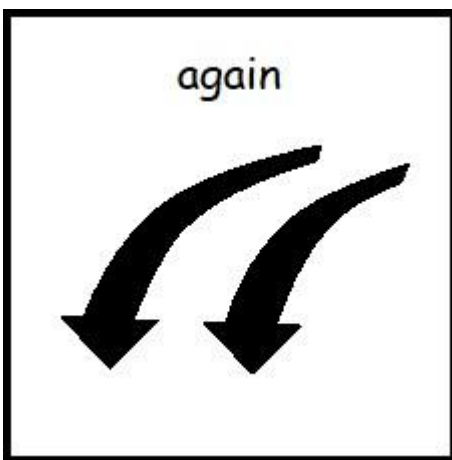


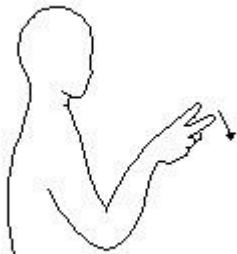


Core Vocabulary Word of the Week

'Again'



This is the symbol for 'again' that we use in school.



This is the Makaton sign that we use when we are saying 'again'. Make sure to use the sign *alongside* saying the word.

Activities where you can model "again" and encourage your child to use their sign or symbol to communicate this to you usually include **pausing things they are enjoying** e.g.

Songs

Stop singing a song in the middle of a line, for example, you sing 'Twinkle Twinkle little...' and see if your child indicates they want you to sing 'again'.

If your child looks like they want more (they can indicate this using eye contact, vocalisations, body language, etc.) you can show them how to communicate "again" by saying the word, using the sign, and singing again!

Music/dancing

Pause. If your child looks like they want more you can show them how to communicate “again”.

Rolling on a therapy/gym ball

Help your child roll the ball back and forth then stop. Do they want to go again? Model how they can communicate this.

Swing

Push your child on the swing. Pause at the bottom. Do they want to go again? Model how they can communicate this.

Something silly

If they are loving you doing a silly game, pause it. E.g swinging them in a blanket, pulling them round the floor, tickles, funny faces. Do they want you to do it again? Help them communicate this.

Races

Are they enjoying it, pause it. Do they want it again? Model how they can communicate this.

Stacking cups or blocks.

Build a tower and let it fall, making a big deal of this. Does your child want to do it again? Model how they can communicate this.

Ipad.

Let your child play a game on the iPad. Do they want to do it again? Model how they can communicate this.

Don't forget you will have to point and model use of “again” before you can expect your child to do it. This stage of you modelling may go on for quite some time until your child points to the symbol themselves.

Once your child has learnt more you can model two-word combinations with this e.g. music again, ball again, go again, again mummy.