



RIT Gesture Model Ideas



Actions	Gestures	Words	Toys
	Spinning finger in circles	It's spinning/it spins	Spinning top
	Palm face down, moving up and down "bouncing a ball"	It's bouncing	Bouncing ball
	Fling arms up and out	It crashed	Toy car crashes
	Both palms pushing out from body	She's pushing	Miniature doll pushing stroller
	Hand move quickly down through air as if on a slide	It's a slide / He went down (the slide)	Miniature slide and toy
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Conventional	Gestures	Words	Toys
	Finger to lip	Shhh! Baby's sleeping	Baby and blanket
	Wagging finger as if scolding	No-no, naughty shark (response to shark biting)	Toy shark w/ open mouth
	Shoulder shrug with open palms up	Where is it?	Any toy
	Clap hands	Good job	Any toy
	Cup hand around ear	What's that noise?	Noise-making toy

Affective	Gestures	Words	Toys
	Fists rubbing eyes	She's sad	Baby doll
	Hands pressed together by face as if sleeping	Baby's tired	Baby and blanket
	Hands on hips	I'm angry	A toy that would make sense to be angry with!
	Hands hiding eyes	That's scary	Miniature people
	Arms wrapped around self	They're friends	Two toys that can hug

Attributes	Gestures	Words	Toys
	Finger tips open/close	It's sticky	Sticky ball
	Hands moving up and out as if putting a necklace on the child	She put the necklace on	Doll and necklace
	Hands moving apart, either horizontally or vertically	It's so big / It's so tall	Large toy
	Hand rubbing stomach	Yummy food	Doll / bear and pretend food
	Jerking action with hand	It's hot / sharp	Toy w/ imagined attributes of hot or sharp (toy scissors, toy stove)

Pantomime	Gestures	Words	Toys
	Arms out as if flying	It's a plane / It's flying / It flies	Airplane
	Bent arms moving forwards and backwards at sides as if train wheels	Chugga-chugga	Train
	Open up close palms	It's a book / Let's read	Book
	Strumming a guitar / Banging a drum / Playing a recorder	She's playing the guitar / drum / recorder	Toy guitar/ drum / record and doll
	Open and close WIGGLING fingers	It's going to get you	Creepy-crawly toy