



Children's Speech and Language Therapy <u>Using Action Words</u>

Children's first sentences often contain object words like "my juice" or "mummy apple". To use longer spoken sentences, children need to use action words like 'eating', 'sleeping' and 'jumping'. To help your child you can use action words during everyday activities in short, simple sentences. This gives your child models of what they could try and say.

- Choose everyday activities and routines so you can use the same action word lots of times e.g. "wash your hands...wash your face...wash you feet..." etc. Some ideas for sentences you can use are below.
- Talk about what you see happening around you e.g. "Mummy is sleeping", "Alfie is eating".
- Use books to look at pictures and talk about what characters/people in the pictures are doing

