

# D2: Making A Longer Word

Lesson Objective: Children will hear two spoken words of one syllable or more and combine them orally to make a new, multi-syllable word with its own meaning.

## Materials

📄 [word list](#)

## Activity

Video: How to play Making A Longer Word

Say two words for your child, a one-syllable word and a two-syllable word, that can be combined to form a three-syllable compound word. You will put a significant pause (one second long) between the two smaller words. Then tell him to put the two short words together into a longer word.

Adult: You did a good job putting two short words  
together to make a new word.

Now I'm going to say two words that are a little longer.

I want you to listen and put the words together  
to make one long word.

Let me show you how: sand [1-second pause] castle.

What word? Sandcastle. Now you do it.

Listen: sand [pause] castle. What word?

Child: Sandcastle!

Adult: Good job! Let's do another one.

Listen: neighbor [pause] hood. What's the word?

Child: Neighborhood!

Go through the other words in the word list until your child stops paying attention.  
You can continue the activity at your next session.

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NOTE: Hand motions (as demonstrated in the video) are an option for this activity. Another way to use hand gestures is to face the child and extend the fist of your right hand in front of you as you say the first word. Next, extend the fist of your left hand in front of you while saying the last word. Leave a little space between your two fists. Then bring your fists together when you ask “What word? ”

### Small Groups (2-5 children)

Adaptation: Read the main activity, watch the video, and follow the instructions above, with the following changes:

Teach the children hand gestures to illustrate the combining of two words into one new word. For example, have children hold out their fists, several inches apart, to represent each one-syllable word as they repeat the words. Then have them move their two fists together and say the new compound word.