

# MOVING TO SINGLE WORDS

## Showing understanding

before toddlers learn to use words they are able to show us that they understand sounds, words, songs and phrases

this understanding is linked to their routines and context

they show us with their bodies, hands or actions

## Understanding 50 items

a toddler should be able to show understanding of:

- **SOUNDS:** they know that 'miauw' refers to a cat
- **WORDS:** they will wave when you ask them to say 'bye-bye'
- **PHRASES:** they carry out instructions when asked eg go wash your hands
- **ACTION SONGS:** they can do the actions when you sing the songs they know eg wheels on the bus

## Other skills:

**POINTING** to ask for items

**PRETEND PLAY** directed to themselves eg pretends to eat or go to sleep