



RWI Actions

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	m	Mmmmmm – rub your tummy
	a	Take a bite of an apple
	s	Draw a 's' with your finger in the air
	d	Beat a drum
	t	Head from side to side like watching a game of tennis
	i	Use one arm to create an insect crawling up the other arm
	n	Arms out and pretend to be an aeroplane
	p	Cover one eye like a pirate patch
	g	Use finger to make circles, like water gurgling down the drain
	o	Use finger to mime turning on and off a light switch
	c	Pinch hands together like a pinchy crab or like clicking castanets
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	u	Mime putting an umbrella up
	b	Mime hitting a ball with a bat
	f	Hold an imaginary beach ball between your hands. Make the ball smaller as you let the air out.
	e	Crack an egg in the pan
	l	Lick a lollipop



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	h	Make a 'huh' breath into your palm. Like you're out of breath.
	sh	Fingers to lips in 'sh' sign.
	r	Shake head like a puppy shaking a rag.
	j	Wobble hand (palm up) from side to side, like a jelly on a plate.
	v	Pretend to drive a van
	y	Pretend to use a yoyo
	w	Use pointing finger to make a wiggly worm
	th	No action – Make sure tongue is between teeth when saying this sound so it is 'th' and not 'f'.
	z	Draw a z in the air with pointing finger. Ensure it is pointy!
	ch	Ch ch ch – Move arms like a train
	qu	Put a crown head on using both hands
	x	Using both pointing fingers, cross them to make an 'x'
	ng	Let your hand go loose at the wrist and wiggle from side to side.
	nk	Wave hand in front of nose like you are smelling a bad smell.

How to help with early reading and writing

- Look for letters all around you. Practise saying them correctly and using the action.
 - Listen for sounds in words. Not just at the start of words, but also at the end. Eg 'g' in 'pig' is at the end.
 - Orally sound out words for children as part of your routine eg 'p-u-t on your -c-oa-t and then we will have a s-n-a-ck.'
 - Practise writing letters in a variety of different ways – paint, bubblebath on tiles, bath crayons, glitter trays etc
 - Make reading and writing practical for daily tasks.
- Get children to help write shopping lists/birthday cards/letter to santa etc