

Let's Teach do

Don't be afraid to teach the word **DO**! Even though it doesn't have a picture, it can be taught and learned the same way as most other words, through modeling and creating opportunities. Think about the number of times you tell the learner to **DO** or not **DO** something. Think about typically developing language, how 2-3 year-olds go around telling each other "**DO** this", "You **DO** it", and "I **DO** it". **DO** is a wonderfully useful verb, because it is generic enough to use for almost anything and helps the learner direct action and exert control.



FIND

Find the word in the vocabulary. **DO** is often used as a helping verb. If you can't find **DO**, use the Word Finder or Find Word feature to learn where it is. Learn more about how your language system is organized with these guides.

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INTRODUCE

Use **DO** in context and try to explain it at the learner's level. Modeling, touching the word in the vocabulary as you say it, may help. Here's an example: "**DO** is an action word. We **DO** lots of things. Watch I can **DO** this (jump), or **DO** this (run), or **DO** this (part your head). Show me, what can you **DO**?"



MODEL

Model the word throughout the day, touching **DO** in the vocabulary anytime you say it.

"Let's **DO** something."

"What should we **DO** next?"

"**DO** what I say."

"**DO** you like it? **DO** you want more?"



ENCOURAGE

Create activities to provide lots of models and practice with **DO**.

Book: *From Head to Toe*, by Eric Carle

Activity: "Simon Says **DO** This" (followed by an action)

Song: **DO** You Know the Muffin Man; Kidz Bop "Move It Like This", but change "MOVE" and/or "SHAKE" to **DO**



EXPECT

Create opportunities for the learner to say the word. Make sure to wait and look at them so they know it is expected.

Ask "Who wants to **DO**...?" Help the learner say, "I **DO**."

Take turns in any activity by helping the learner direct who will **DO** it next, "I **DO**" or "You **DO**."

When the learner grabs your hand for something, help him/her say, "(you) **DO**."

