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## Guidelines for Engaging in Prompting (*Gestures*)

- 1** Physically hand over hand prompt the child to **gesture** the item or activity while verbally saying the item or activity.
  - **Withhold** items if necessary while prompting.
  - **Refrain** from placing demands while you are prompting (e.g. “say...” or “tell me...”).
- 2** Parents can praise or motivate the child’s behavior after gesturing to encourage future probability for the behavior to occur.

*Example:* Alex sees a cookie they want. The parent will physically prompt the child to point to the cookie while the parent says “cookie”. Upon the child pointing, the parent will give them the cookie while saying, “great job asking for cookie! Here is your chocolate chip cookie”.