

This is a great way of getting children to communicate in your chosen language and to have fun!



1. Children hold out their hands, thumbs extended, hands pointing to each other



2. The thumbs then talk and nod as they exchange basic information



3. When saying goodbye one thumb is hidden behind the other hand, moved to behind the fingers in the palm, and then it seems it has disappeared!

- Children can use funny voices when speaking
- They can exchange basic or more complex information, depending on their knowledge of language
- The thumbs can have names, and a whole identity!
- Children can conduct the short conversations with themselves or a with a partner
- Small finger puppets can be made to add more enjoyment
- The conversations can then be shown to the class, recorded or performed in an assembly!



**Sample basic conversation:**

Bonjour!  
Bonjour!

Comment ça va?  
Ça va bien, merci.

Je m'appelle Fred. Comment tu t'appelles?  
Je m'appelle Dot. Où habites tu?

J'habite à Manchester!

Bien!

Au revoir!