

# Adding Something to the DOM

We can only add ONE THING AT A TIME.

As an example, let's add a `<p>` to an existing `<div>`

This is our existing HTML:

```
1 <div id="parentElement">
2 </div>
```

## Steps

1. Make a JavaScript reference (a variable) to the parent element
2. Create the child element we want to add and save it as a variable
3. Give the child content - in this case, the content is text
4. Append the child to the parent

**JavaScript:**

```
1 var parent = document.getElementById('parentElement');
2 var child = document.createElement('p');
3 child.textContent = 'Some words we want in our p element';
4 parent.appendChild(child);
```

**Finished HTML:**

```
1 <div id="parent">
2   <p>Some words we want in our p element</p>
3 </div>
```