

Generic Action Bank

Key Connective	Suggested Action
Once upon a time	Open hands like a book.
Early one morning	Hands to one side of head and pretend to wake up.
Who	Finger circle index finger in air.
First	One finger up.
Next	Two fingers pointed to one side.
But	All fingers on one hand pointed down.
Because	Hands out open palmed.
At that moment	Point sharply with index finger.
Suddenly	Hands expressively open as if in surprise.
To his amazement	Move index fingers in circles around widely opened eyes.
Unfortunately	Sad face.
Luckily	Thumbs up on both hands.
After/after that	Roll hands over in turning gesture.
So	Roll hands forwards and open as if giving.
Finally	Palms facing audience like a policeman stopping traffic.
Eventually	Both hands on thighs palms down.
In the end	Bow head down.
Happily ever after	Bring hands together as if closing book.
Actions Specific to The Banana That Spoke	
Gardener	Starting at top of head, hands move around head down to waist.
Village	Use hands to make triangular roof top shapes.
Rumble in his tummy	Rub stomach.
Banana	Point finger in air as if pointing to fruit in a tree.
Aaargh	Mouth wide open.
As fast as his legs could carry him	Bent arms moving back and forth as if running.
Why are you running so fast when the sun is shining so bright?	Arms outstretched making circular movement like shape of sun.
Greengrocer	Mime polishing an apple on sleeve.
Farmer	Mime hand milking a cow.
Queen	Hands either side of head with all fingers stretched upwards.
Splendid garden	Mime smelling a flower.
Get out of here you foolish man	One arm out stretched and pointing.
The poor gardener walked home feeling rather sad.	Hang head in a dejected way.
How silly of him to imagine that things could talk.	Place finger on side of head.