

Generic action bank for story telling

Key Connective	Suggested Action
Once upon a time Long long ago	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	Fingers down.
Because	Hands out open palmed
At that moment	Hands expressively open as if in surprise.
Suddenly	
To his/her/their amazement/astonishment	
Unfortunately	
Luckily	Hands raised open as if thanking.
After/after that	Roll hands over in turning gesture.
So	Roll hands forwards and open as if giving.
Finally	Palm facing audience like a policeman stopping traffic.
In the end/Happily ever after	Bring hands together as if closing book.
Eventually	

Suggested actions specific to The Fisherman and his Wife

Fisherman	Hands hold pretend fishing rod.
Wife/fisherman's wife	Arms folded on chest.
Shanty	Arms above head, hands making pointed roof shape, shaking.
Sea	Index finger makes shape of waves.
Fish/flounder	Hands flat, palms together, weave from side to side.
Fishing	One hand winds pretend fishing reel.
Enchanted prince/king/queen/emperor	Both hands on top of head fingers extended up like a crown.
Swim	Arms mime "crawl" swimming stroke.
Wish/wished	Fingers crossed on both hands.
Cottage	As shanty but not shaking.
Go home	Arm outstretched finger pointing away.
Content/happy	Big smiling face.
Stone castle	Finger draws out shape of castle battlements.
Nonsense	Fist hits imaginary table.
Sun/moon	Draw circle in air with finger.
God	Look to the sky.