

### Generic action bank for story telling

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.
Then	Finger on nose
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 How Tortoise Got His Shell

Bird/blue bird	Palms of hands together then open hands but keep wrists together like beak opening.
Wings/flap/flapped	Arms move as if flapping wings.
Tiger	Hands tease imaginary whiskers.
Elephant	Hold droopy arm from face like trunk
Giraffe	Both hands on side of head, index fingers raised like ears.
Tortoise	Hunch back and stretch neck forwards.
Mountain	Hold arms in shape of triangle to signify mountain.
Climbed	Hands and arms move as if climbing rope.
Jumped	Arms sweep up above head.
Cheered	Wave arms above head.
Tumbled	Thump fists together repeatedly.
Smashed	Clap hands onto knees.
Immediately	Snap fingers.
Piece by piece	Hold up fingers on one hand, one at a time as if counting.