

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/However	All fingers on one hand pointed down.
Because	Hands out open palmed.
At that moment/immediately	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.
Optional Actions Specific to The Lion, the Rabbit, the Squirrel and the Mouse	
Lion	Fingers extended as claws, mouth open as if roaring.
Sleeping/asleep	Hands flat together, held to ear, head tilted, eyes shut.
Tree/forest	Fingers extended and hands waving from side to side.
Rabbit	Index fingers held on each side of head representing long ears.
Tail	Hand above bottom wiggling like a tail.
Back	Hand slaps back.
Mane	Stroke hair.
Dance/danced/jumped	Dance and jig on spot.
Woke up	Rub closed eyes with knuckles.
Grabbed	Both hands make grabbing action
“How dare you....eat you”	Frown, tilt head forwards.
Terrified	Move body in shaking, trembling way.
“Please don’t eat me....could save your life”	Hands clasped together as if praying.
Laugh/laughter/good mood	Shoulders move up and down.
Absurd	Raise eyebrows/ quizzical, surprised look.
Scornfully	Tilt head, look down nose and raise eyebrows.
Opened his claws	One hand held up with fingers extended.
Squirrel	Hands held in fist shape in front of face (chin height).
Hurried and scurried	Bent arms move back and forth as if running.
Mischievous	Hand covers mouth and raise eyebrows mischievously.
Mouse	Fingers tweak imaginary whiskers.
Wandering	Wander slowly around in small circle.
Hunters	Mime pulling arrow back in a bow.
Struggle	Hug body with arms and wiggle.
Nibbling	Curl top lip back and make gnawing action.
Sharp teeth	Point to teeth.
Humbly	Bow head.
Weak and Small	Waggle little finger.

