

Generic Action Bank

| Key Connective | Suggested Action |
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| 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/However/ Although | 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/unluckily | 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 Magic Brush

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| Chang | Smile like happy child. |
| Draw/drawing/drew/paint | Pinched fingers hold imaginary pencil. make sketching movements as other hand holds imaginary sketch pad/ canvas. |
| Poor | Hands by hips pull out imaginary empty pockets. |
| Paintbrush | Hand mimes holding pen/ paintbrush moving up and down. |
| Silver | Point to index finger on hand where ring would be. |
| Fish | Flat hands, palms together waving like fish tail. |
| Trapped/struggling | 1 hand clenched around fingers on other hand wiggling. |
| Free/release | Clenched fist opened. |
| Help/helped/ kind | Arms held in cross shape across chest. |
| Man dressed in silver cloak | Both hands extended backwards, fingers spread imitating flowing cloak. |
| Magic | Mime holding wand, wave as if making spell. |
| Woke | Hands clenched held in front of eyes, open suddenly. |
| Butterfly | Hands touching at wrists, extended fingers flapping. |
| Donkey | Hands cupped behind ears. |
| Ox | Clenched hands on side of head, index fingers curled as horns. |
| Hoe | Mime holding imaginary hoe in hoeing motion. |
| Emperor | Arms folded high on chest, stern face. |
| Ordered | Clenched fist, index finger extended moved in short, stabbing motion. |
| Field of gold | Flat hands held on level with thumbs touching, fingers extended and pointing, waving slightly. |
| Obey | Bow head. |
| Island | Stand up and turn around 360 degrees |
| Boat | Both arms mime rowing. |
| North wind/wind | Puff cheeks and blow. |
| Too slowly | Index finger pointing upwards, moves very slowly to side. |
| Storm | Both hands extended in front making wave motions side to side. |
| The waves grew rougher | As above but faster movements. |
| Capsized | Cupped hand held upwards. Turn over so cupped downwards. |
| Disappeared | Both hands cover eyes. |
| White horse | Both hands held in front of chest make holding reins movement. |