

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 The Magic Porridge Pot

Little girl	Hold up little finger on right or left hand.
Old Woman	Hunch shoulders, crouch back, hold imaginary walking stick.
Magic porridge/magic porridge pot	One arm cradles pretend pot. Other hand makes stirring motion over pretend pot.
Cook little pot, cook.	Point finger each time the word “cook” is said.
Stop little pot, stop.	Wave finger from side to side each time the word “stop” is said.
Straightaway	Clap once.
Mother	Cradle imaginary baby in arms.
Soon	Click fingers.
Kitchen	Mime tossing pancake.
Full	One hand makes fist, other hand held flat on top of fist.
Street	Hold arms in shape of triangle to signify house roof.
Town	Draw zig- zag line in the air signifying many buildings
Eating	Mime lifting spoon to mouth.