

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	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	
Unlucky/unlucky man	Shrug shoulders, arms bent, palms up, pout bottom lip and raise eyebrows.
Walked	Walk fingers along arm.
Rocky valley	Arms bent, wrists touching and hands flat making V shape
Wolf	Hands on side of head, fingers curled in except for index and second finger extended as ears.
Question	Use index finger to draw large ? shape in air.
Tree	Both arms above head, fingers extended as branches/ leaves.
Branches	Arms held at sides, elbows bent and fingers extended and waving as branches in wind.
Girl	Both index fingers make curling motions on side of head signifying curls.
Crying	Hands clenched and rub eyes.
Sad	Make sad face.
End of the Earth	Make scared, shocked stance and look down as if looking over a high cliff/ edge.
Clouds	Hands in front of face making rotating motions with fingers extended.
Buzzards	Arms flap like wings.
Old man	Stroke imaginary beard.
Luck	Flick thumb of curled hand miming tossing a coin.
I'm pleased for you	Big smile and hands extended in front as if greeting someone.
That's easy	Hold out arm in front and wave down as if making dismissive gesture.
Lonely	Hold arm out straight in front of body, fist clenched except for index finger held upright and alone.
Marry	Make circle with thumb and index finger of right hand and put round third finger of left hand as if a ring.
Treasure/treasure chest	Hand mimes opening heavy lid of imaginary chest.
Hungry	Rub stomach.
Eat him up	Snap mouth shut in eating motion.