

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 Boy Who Cried Wolf	
Shepherd boy	Index finger draws shape of shepherd's crook in air.
Hillside	Both hands draw shape of 2 rounded hills.
Watching/watched	Index fingers and thumbs make shape of binoculars around eyes.
Sheep	2 fingers together on each side of head signifying ears.
Bored	Mime yawn.
Wolf, wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep.	Cups hands round mouth in pretend shouting pose.
Villagers	Hold up hands and wiggle all fingers.
Running	Run on spot.
Grumbling	Frown and scowl and move unhappy mouth up and down.
Naughty delight	Hand covers smiling, giggling mouth.
Sternly	Frown and wiggle index finger sternly.
Prowling	Make tip-toe creeping actions.
Wondered	Scratch head.
Weeping	Rub eyes.
Old man	Hunch back and carry pretend walking stick.