

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.
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 Beauty and the Beast

Merchant	Pat hand on imaginary wallet in back pocket.
daughters	Raise hands to side and pat imaginary daughters' heads.
Present/gift	Hands extended forwards, open palms and fingers.
Rose	Hold hand up to nose as if holding imaginary flower and sniff.
Storm	Extend index finger of hand and move in a zig-zag shape downwards copying lightning
Wood	Hold both arms above head, fingers extended and wave as if branches.
Castle	Move index finger in straight short lines, up and down and across like the shape on the top of a castle wall.
Delicious food	Move both hands in turn to face and pretend to eat.
Soft, fluffy bed	Hands flat together, place by side of ear, close eyes and sigh.
Rose bush	Bend down and pretend to pick a flower.
Beast	Pull an ugly face.
Afraid	Put hand over mouth and shake.
Mirror	Hold flat hand close to face.
Dying	Hold hands together and rest head on them.
Father	Cradle pretend baby in arms and rock gently.
Love	Draw heart shape in the air.
Handsome prince	Close eyes and stroke chin in haughty manner.
Married	Point to third finger left hand where wedding ring would be.