

Generic action bank for story telling

Key Connective	Suggested Action
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	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 Cat, Bramble and Heron

Cat	Fingers brush imaginary whiskers on side of face.
Bramble	Hand to mouth, 2 fingers pointing straight out as forked tongue
Heron/flew	Hands extended to side, flapping as wings.
Slithered	Palms together making snake movements.
Rusty old pot	Cupped hands make sphere shape.
Sneaked/crept	Fingers of one hand creep over flattened palm of other.
Fishbone	Pinch thumb and index finger as if holding fish skeleton by tail, wrinkle nose at imagined smell.
Pot/bags of gold	Mime counting out coins.
Divided	Hand makes chopping motion on flattened palm of other hand
Hide	Cover eyes
Beak	Extend hand and makes opening/ closing motion in front of mouth
Reflection	Hold flattened hand up to face as imaginary mirror.
Scattered	Waggle fingers on both hands as if playing piano.
Thief	Hand mimes putting imaginary object in pocket.
To this very day	Clap hands.
Waiting	Fingers drum impatiently on arm.
Snatches and grabs	Hand makes snatching movement.
Spied/ Staring/looking	Index finger and thumb of both hands curled up to make circle shapes and held up to eyes as binoculars.