

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 Specific to The Elves	
Shoemaker	Hold imaginary shoe and mime hammering nail into it.
Wife	Put arm around shoulders of imaginary wife.
Leather	Mime stretching a piece of leather with both hands.
Shoes	Point to feet.
That night	Draw moon shape in the air.
Cut	Mime cutting with scissors.
Downstairs	Walk two fingers down imaginary stairs.
Beautiful	Thumbs up.
Did you make these shoes?	Draw question mark in air.
Rich lady/man	Use finger to lift nose and tilt head upwards.
Shop	Mime opening imaginary shop door.
Gold Coins	Mime counting out coins.
Hid	Cover eyes
Waited	Look at imaginary wrist watch.
Little elves	Raise index fingers on both hands.
Climbed	Mime climbing up rope.
Stitched, sewed and hammered	Mime sewing and hammering.
In a flash	Snap fingers.
Help/ed	Clasp hands together.
Clothes/outfits	Point to imaginary hat, jacket, trousers and shoes.
Overjoyed	Draw big smile shape in air.
Now, from that day to this	Place flat hands on knees.