

Generic action bank for story telling

Key Connective	Suggested Action
Once upon a time	Open hands like a book.
Early one morning/One sunny 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 amazement	
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	Bring hands together as if closing book.
Eventually	

Optional actions specific to the Little Red Hen

Little Red Hen	Arms on waist with elbows bent – flapping like wings.
Plant my corn	Hand takes corn from imaginary bucket and throws on imaginary field
Not I	Shake head.
Duck	Arms move as if flapping wings.
Cat	Fingers tease imaginary whiskers.
Rat	Hands held together by chin (palms down).
Water my corn	Hands move down with fingers wagging (like rain).
Cut my corn.	Index and middle finger move together and apart (like scissors).
Carry my corn.	Mime lifting something heavy.
Grind my corn	Rub hands together.
Roll my dough	Hands move as if using rolling pin..
Bake my bread	Mime opening oven door.
Eat my bread	Hand moves towards mouth as if eating finger food.