

Generic Action Bank

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/However/ Although	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/unluckily	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 Magic Brush	
Chang	Smile like happy child.
Draw/drawing/drew/paint	Pinched fingers hold imaginary pencil. make sketching movements as other hand holds imaginary sketch pad/ canvas.
Poor	Hands by hips pull out imaginary empty pockets.
Paintbrush	Hand mimes holding pen/ paintbrush moving up and down.
Silver	Point to index finger on hand where ring would be.
Fish	Flat hands, palms together waving like fish tail.
Trapped/struggling	1 hand clenched around fingers on other hand wriggling.
Free/release	Clenched fist opened.
Help/helped/ kind	Arms held in cross shape across chest.
Man dressed in silver cloak	Both hands extended backwards, fingers spread imitating flowing cloak.
Magic	Mime holding wand, wave as if making spell.
Woke	Hands clenched held in front of eyes, open suddenly.
Butterfly	Hands touching at wrists, extended fingers flapping.
Donkey	Hands cupped behind ears.
Ox	Clenched hands on side of head, index fingers curled as horns.
Hoe	Mime holding imaginary hoe in hoeing motion.
Emperor	Arms folded high on chest, stern face.
Ordered	Clenched fist, index finger extended moved in short, stabbing motion.
Field of gold	Flat hands held on level with thumbs touching, fingers extended and pointing, waving slightly.
Obeys	Bow head.
Island	Stand up and turn around 360 degrees
Boat	Both arms mime rowing.
North wind/wind	Puff cheeks and blow.
Too slowly	Index finger pointing upwards, moves very slowly to side.
Storm	Both hands extended in front making wave motions side to side.
The waves grew rougher	As above but faster movements.
Capsized	Cupped hand held upwards. Turn over so cupped downwards.
Disappeared	Both hands cover eyes.
White horse	Both hands held in front of chest make holding reins movement.