

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	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.
Actions Specific to Monkey See, Monkey Do	
Man/hat seller	Starting at top of head, hands move around head down to waist.
Hat/s	Use hands to make triangle shape on top of head.
Forest	Both arms above head, waving side to side
Cart	Mime pushing wheelbarrow.
Hit	Wave hand as if hitting ball with bat.
Road/ground	Hands flat to the floor.
Monkeys	Scratch armpits.
Shout/shouted	Cup hands around mouth.
Sees	Point to both eyes.
Fist/s	Shake fist.
Stick	Stretch one arm out in front.
Sadly	Fingers to corners of mouth-move downwards.
Rubbed (his eyes)	Rub eyes.
Throw/threw	Mime over arm throw
City	Hands held with all fingers waggling upwards to signify lots of people.
Looked behind	Turn head
Chased	Move bent arms from side to side as if running.
Gingerbread man	Arms stretched out to sides with flat palms towards front.
Four leaf clover my story is over.	Clap hands once.