

### Generic action bank for story telling

| Key Connective                             | Suggested Action  |
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| Once upon a time<br>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<br>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 Rumpelstiltskin

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| Icicles              | Fingers held out extended downwards.  |
| Summer               | Hand wipes brow of imaginary sweat.   |
| Silly miller         | Hands clenched together make round stirring motion.   |
| King                 | Hands on top of head, fingers extended pointing up to make shape of crown.                          |
| Rosalind             | Index fingers extended pointing to top of head. Lower arms and rotate fingers signifying long hair. |
| Spin                 | One hand makes fast stirring motions  |
| Straw/bales          | Draw a rectangle in the air signifying shape of bale.   |
| Gold                 | Point to third finger left hand where wedding ring would be.  |
| Tall tower           | Flat hands held together above head.  |
| Sadly                | Point to corners of mouth with index fingers. Move fingers downwards.                               |
| Cry/cried            | Rub eyes  |
| Little old man       | Hand strokes imaginary beard.   |
| Wipe away your tears | Wipe fingers across cheeks as if wiping tears away.   |
| Necklace             | Draw shape of hanging necklace round neck   |
| Ring                 | Curl finger and thumb together to make an 'O' shape.  |
| Baby/child           | Cradle imaginary baby.  |
| Pleased              | Point to corners of mouth with index fingers. Move fingers upwards.                                 |
| Married              | Draw heart shape in the air.  |
| Huntsman             | Mime firing bow and arrow   |
| Never                | Make fist and strike imaginary table.   |
| Rumpelstiltskin      | Hunch shoulders and jig them from side to side.   |