

Generic action bank for story telling

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	Fingers down.
Because	Hands out open palmed
At that moment	Hands expressively open as if in surprise.
Suddenly	
To his/her/their 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

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.