

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/However	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.

Optional Actions Specific to The Greedy Fox

Mr Fox	Flat hands held at sides of head like ears.
Bag	Clenched hand held in front of body as if holding bag
Walked	Arms swinging back and forth as if walking briskly.
Frog	Squat on haunches.
Grabbed	Hand makes snatching motion.
Candlestick Makers	Mimic blowing out of candle.
May I leave my bag here while I visit my uncle?	Hand holds imaginary bag up. Head tilted in questioning manner.
Of course you can	Nod head.
Very well, but there is one thing while I am gone, mind you don't look in my bag.	Shake head, slowly and deliberately, from side to side.
Curious	Hands strokes imaginary beard. Face frowns.
Opened	Open clenched fist to make flat extended palm.
Hopped	Squat on haunches and jump.
Rat	Tease imaginary whiskers.
Gulp	Wide open mouth clamps shut.
I'm sorry	Hang head in a dejected way.
Right, I'll have theinstead.	Sharp clap.
Baker	Mime using rolling pin to roll out pastry.
Puppy/dogs	Wave hand above bottom mimicking wagging tale.
Butcher	One hand makes chopping motion on flat palm of other hand.
Little boy	Flat palm held horizontally next to thigh signifying height of small child.
Leg of lamb/meat	Rub thigh.
Twenty, thirty, forty	Repeat extended fingers in groups of ten.
Ran/running	Bent arms moving back and forth as if running.

