

Generic action bank for story telling

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.
Then	Finger on nose
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 The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Town	Draw zig- zag line in the air signifying many buildings.
Country	Arms held above head and swaying like tree branches.
Mouse/Mice	Hold clenched fists to mouth like paws.
Dinner/food	Mime chopping food with knife and fork and move fork to mouth.
House	Hold arms in shape of triangle to signify house roof.
Funny	Straight arm and one finger pointed outwards.
Walk	Straight arms swinging from side to side.
Heard a noise	Cup hand around ear.
What's that?	Draw an imaginary question mark in the air.
Cow	Flat hands held at side of head like ears.
Goose	Flap arms as if wings.
Frightened	Cover eyes.
Owl	Hands extended to side, flapping as wings.
Run	Bent arms moving back and forth as if running.
Tea	Mime lifting cup to mouth as if drinking a cup of tea.
Car	Mime honking a horn.
Fire engine	Mime holding/moving a steering wheel.
Cat	Fingers brush imaginary whiskers on side of face.