

Generic action bank for story telling

Key Connective	Suggested Action
Once upon a time	Open hands like a book.
Long long ago	
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 The Ugly Duckling

Mother Duck	Hands on hips, elbows sticking out to sides. Arms flap as wings.
Eggs	Use finger to draw an imaginary oval shape in the air.
Hatched	Palms together. Open hands keeping wrists together.
Ugly Duckling/duckings	Extended fingers makes opening/ closing motion in front of mouth like a beak.
Beautiful	Hold up imaginary mirror and smile.
You are ugly, go away	Extend arm sharply with finger pointed.
Sad/sadly	Make sad face.
Paddled	Mime doggy paddle swimming stroke.
Cow	Mime milking a cow.
Cat	Fingers brush imaginary whiskers on side of face.
Rabbit	Hold index fingers at sides of head like long rabbit's ears.
Boy /Girl	Use finger to draw an imaginary smiley face in the air.
Swans	Draw S shape in air. Like swan's neck.
And he did	Clap hands.