

- Action words in **Green Boxes** can be done on their own.
- Action words in **Red Boxes** are good “stop” words.
- Action words in **Blue Boxes** contain directional opposition.

- Have students add to this collection of action words.
- Try actions on different levels.
  - Run on a low level
  - Crawl on a high level
- Try actions with different body parts.
  - Jump with your shoulders
  - Fly with your nose

### **Curriculum Connections:**

ELA: Identify action words in text for students to embody. Combine with prepositions!

Math: Identify math vocabulary for action words (add, subtract, divide)

Science: Identify action in cycles such as caterpillar to butterfly, seeds to flowers, water cycle, etc.

Short List of **Picture Books** with great action words to support the text:

- “In the Small, Small Pond” by Denise Fleming
- “Snow” by Uri Shulevitz
- “The Little Yellow Leaf” by Carin Berger
- “My Mama had a Dancing Heart” by Libba Moore Gray, illustrated by Raul Colon

run

float

kick

stamp

dive

skip

soar

press

glide

flick

twist

swing

leap

spring

flutter

roll

wobble

grow

shrivel

quiver

with

gallop

vault

tremble

hover

slide

perch

shake



squeeze

hop

settle

wiggle

spread

crumple

tumble

twitch

turn

spin

flap

drip

dart

shiver

stretch

twirl

creep

explode

march

balance

droop

drift

fly

leap

freeze

pause

halt

stop

curl  
uncurl

rise  
fall

bend  
straighten

clench  
unclench



open  
close

expand  
deflate

extend  
shorten

sink  
surface