



ZIPTALES®

LIBRARY USER GUIDE

Login via www.ziptales.com/library

What problems do we address?

- Reading is **an essential skill** for children, yet up to 25% of them struggle. Libraries are in a unique position to help make a difference.
- Since children are more inclined to do what they enjoy, a reading resource which promotes pleasure is an ideal offer: “**Reading for pleasure** is more important for children’s cognitive development than their parents’ level of education.” (Dr Sullivan, Institute of Education, 2013).
- **Digital technology** is now standard for all children, who are ‘digital natives’. Reading online is the perfect way to offer quality content.

What does Ziptales offer young readers?

- Almost **600 different content modules** - stories, puzzles, poems, cartoons and lessons.
- This includes over **300 stories** for all levels of the primary age range.
- Each story has **interactive comprehension quizzes** to give instant feedback on understanding.
- All stories come with **professional voiceovers** (Australian accent)
- The Ziptales library is an ‘**open access**’ resource, with no ‘test and progress’, or annoying ‘lock out’ features. Children, under supervision, can read whatever they like.
- Ziptales **works on all devices** - PCs and Macs, iPads, Samsung, smart phones, etc.
- Because it is internet based, it can be **accessed anywhere, any time** (24/7).

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any device, anytime



How does Ziptales cater to individual reading differences?

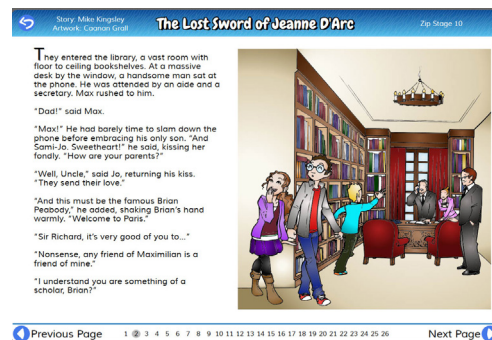
Ziptales has its own unique reading scheme.

It is based on a matrix of the three major international readability schemes

- **Reading Recovery**
- **Flesch**
- **Lexiles**

| | RR levels | Lexile levels | Flesch levels |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Zip Stage 1 | 5 - 10 | | Kindergarten |
| Zip Stage 2 | 11 - 15 | | Kindergarten |
| Zip Stage 3 | 16 - 22 | | 0.1 - 2.5 |
| Zip Stage 4 | 23 - 27 | 100 - 200 | 2.0 - 3.5 |
| Zip Stage 5 | 28+ | 200 - 400 | 2.5 - 4.0 |
| Zip Stage 6 | | 400 - 500 | 3.5 - 4.5 |
| Zip Stage 7 | | 500 - 700 | 4.0 - 5.5 |
| Zip Stage 8 | | 700 - 950 | 5.0 - 6.5 |
| Zip Stage 9 | | 950 - 1100 | 6.0 - 7.0 |
| Zip Stage 10 | | 1100+ | 7+ |

The scheme has ten reading bands, **Zip Stages 1-10**. Zip Stage 1 engages at the very simplest words and sentences. The scheme then moves through another nine bands, all the way to high level texts to cater for children who are really advanced in their reading - Zip Stage 10.



The whole range of reading in a primary school is included - from Preschool, through Kindergarten/Prep and all the way up to Year 6.

How do I set a reading band with Ziptales?

There is a special reading diagnosis test, which will analyse how well a child is reading, and then set a comfortable reading 'zone' or 'band' level.



All details of the test, including full scripts and instructions, are to be found in the 'Reading Levels' page on the Librarian dashboard



At the end of the test, the diagnosis engine will recommend a certain Zip Stage, and children can access all the stories in that stage

For instance, if the child is reading at average Year 3 competency, the test will recommend Zip Stage 5 or 6. Only the librarian knows about the year level equivalence (it is hidden from the child completely).

Full instructions in how to use this Reading Test are to be found on the Reading Levels page of the Librarian Dashboard.



How to login

1 In your internet browser, go to **www.ziptales.com**.



2 Click on “**Public Libraries**” in the top menu line. This takes you to the Library Login page. You can also go in via the **Login** button (top right).



3 Click on **your library's logo**, or on the side list of subscriber libraries. This takes you to the actual login screen for **your library**.

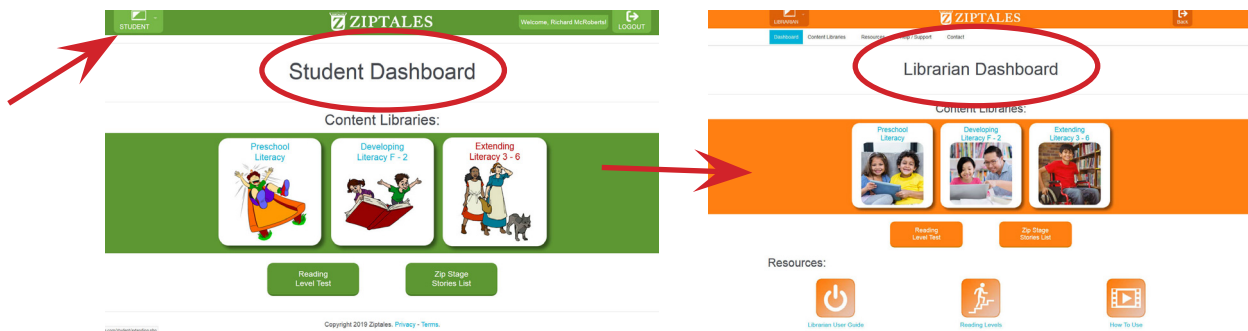


4 Key in your library's **barcode number**.

You are now logged into Ziptales. ***The session lasts for three hours.*** After that, for another session, it is necessary to log in again. This time limit is for security reasons.

The 'dashboards' - or how to view Ziptales

Once you are inside Ziptales, the default view is the **STUDENT DASHBOARD**.



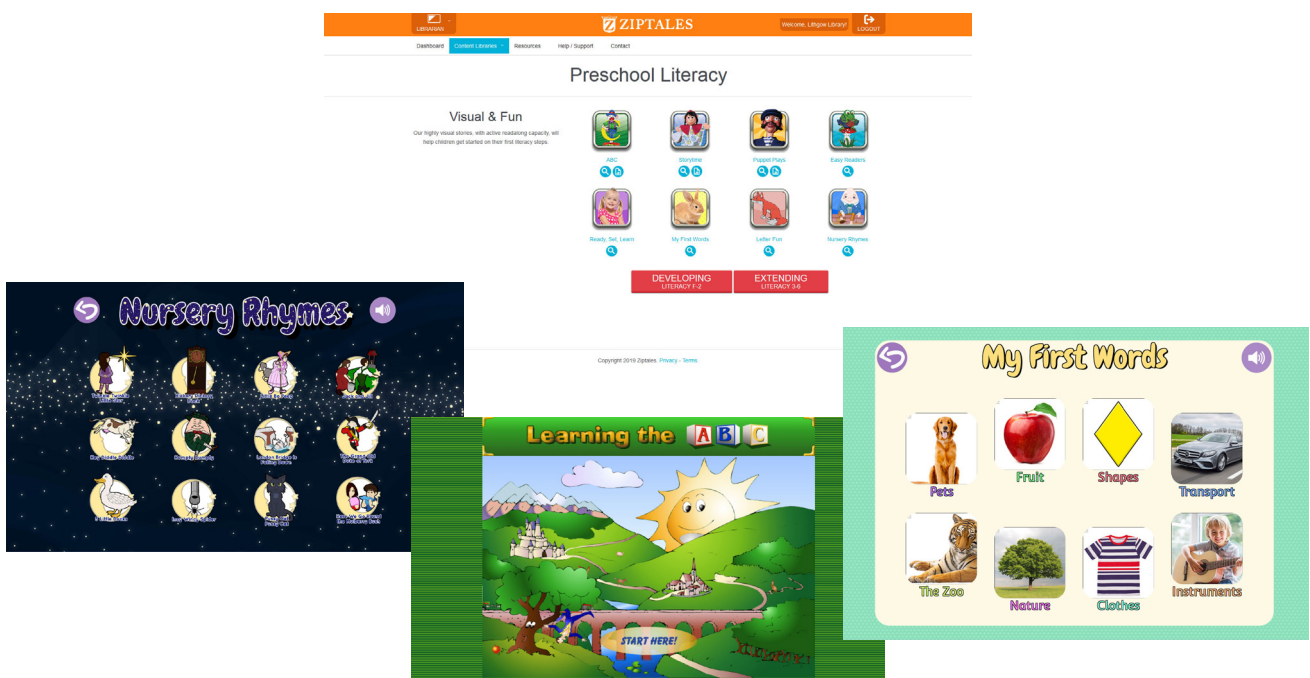
However, it is a good idea to select the **LIBRARIAN DASHBOARD**. This is customised to the needs of libraries. You can toggle between the two views using the drop down menu (top left of the screen).

The Librarian view has lots of useful features: the reading scheme, how to use videos, the Full Guide (program manual) and other specialist library options.

In either view, you can immediately see the three major content libraries - **Preschool**, **Developing Literacy (Prep to Year 2)** and **Extending Literacy (Years 3-6)**. Simply by choosing the appropriate age range, you will find a generous selection of stories suitable for that range.

Preschool

Preschool children can access a range of engaging content, such as **Learning the ABC**, **My First Words**, **Letter Fun**, and a charming suite of **Nursery Rhymes**.



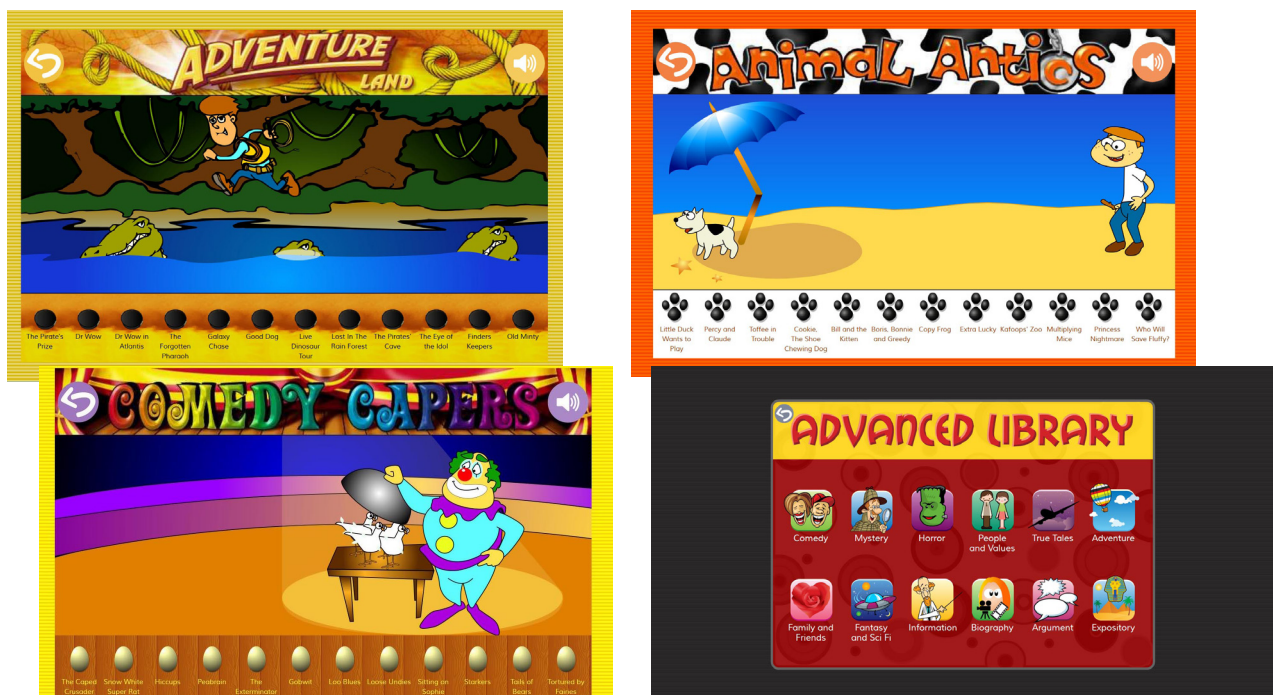
Developing Literacy (Prep to Year 2)

Children in the early years can access a variety of exciting options, such as **Storytime** (animated cartoon stories), **Timeless Tales** (traditional stories told as graphic novels), **Easy Readers** (phonics based Dr Seuss style reading practice) and **Junior Readers** (longer stories for beginning readers).



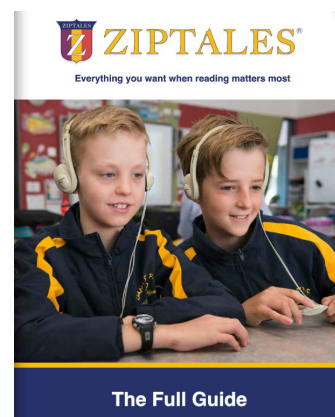
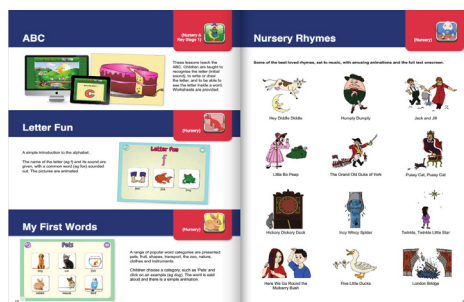
Extending Literacy (Years 3 to 6)

Here are approximately 200 stories classified according to genre: adventure, animal, choose your own adventure, comedy, fairy tales, fantasy, mystery, scary, people, true tales, yucky, etc. There is also an 'Advanced Library', for those whose reading skills are high level.



What's in the Ziptales program?

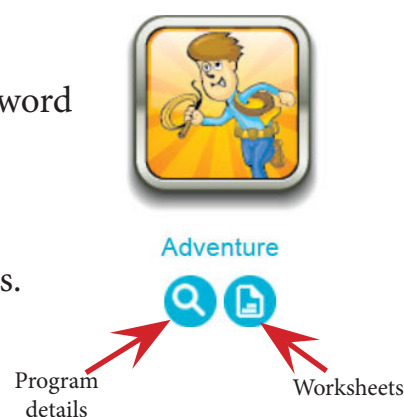
To discover what content is suitable for a particular child, librarians are advised to look at the **Full Guide** to Ziptales, a 'page turning' PDF manual to all content. It is to be found on the Librarian Dashboard.



Also, in the Librarian view, you will find two little blue dots under each content module. These are

Program details - a full summary of each story, with word lengths, themes and readability information

Worksheets - available for all stories, if the librarian (or parent) chooses to use them for follow up activities.



FAQs

Who is allowed to use Ziptales?

The Library licence allows **all library clients** to access Ziptales. This may be within the **library**, or at **home** (for your library clients). If a teacher accesses Ziptales, it must be as a private user. He/she is barred from using Ziptales in a classroom setting. If the teacher and the school wants to use Ziptales, they will need to purchase a school licence.

Is there any restriction on use of Ziptales?

Ziptales can be used 24/7 for all clients of subscribing libraries. Any number of devices can be used. Ziptales can handle all the 'traffic' you wish to send its way.

What technical requirements are there?

Ziptales will work on any PC, Mac, iPad, Android device (eg a Samsung tablet) or smart-phone. It will work on any modern device! You can use whatever browser you wish.

How do I get in touch with Ziptales for further information?

Please email us at admin@ziptales.com, or use the toll free number +61 343 032 816.