

# COVID Guide

How to use Ziptales in the COVID emergency



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# Using Ziptales at home

In the current COVID emergency, Ziptales is well placed to help teachers manage a situation where few children are at school, and education needs to be conducted offsite.

You will notice a new button on the home page – as shown.

Please read this page carefully.

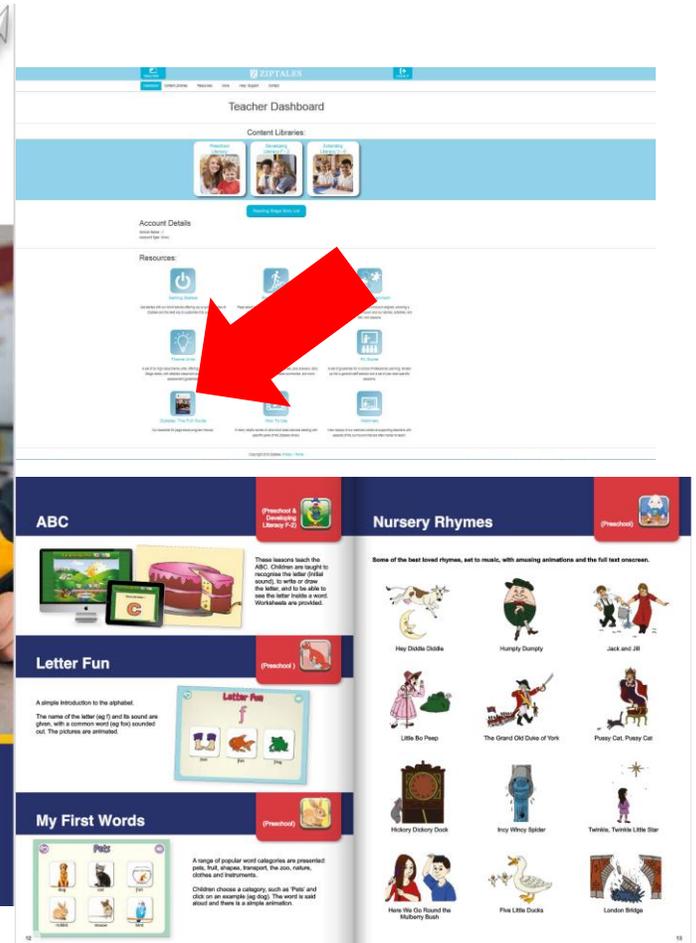
The image shows two screenshots of the Ziptales website. The top screenshot is the home page, featuring the Ziptales logo, navigation links (Home, About, Pricing, Public Libraries, Blog, FAQ, Contact), and buttons for 'SIGN UP / FREE TRIAL' and 'LOGIN'. A large banner image shows two young girls smiling and looking at a tablet. Overlaid on the banner is the text 'Everything you want when reading makes most' and a red button labeled 'COVID-19 Off Site Schooling Plan'. Below the banner, a section titled 'Ziptales is an online literacy library filled with stories, lessons and fun activities!' contains three buttons: 'PRESCHOOL Literacy', 'DEVELOPING Literacy (F-2)', and 'EXTENDING Literacy (3-6)'. The bottom screenshot is a detailed article page titled 'Off Site Schooling'. It includes a sub-section 'The Problem' with text about the COVID-19 outbreak and a list of issues for teachers. It also features a photo of two children with a tablet and sections for 'Setting remote study or reading work' and 'View our content'.

# (1) Know what is available for teaching

Ziptales assumes that the first major issue for offsite use of the website is teachers knowing what to use or 'set' for work.

We strongly recommend they check out the online 'page turning PDF' catalogue of all content – as shown. It is to be found on the home page *and* inside the Teacher Dashboard.

This manual or information booklet shows what Ziptales content is available for all levels of the primary school.



# The key to Ziptales: The Teacher Dashboard

The **Teacher Dashboard** page is an essential place to start. There you will find vital information on

- (1) **Ziptales Reading Levels** (the reading scheme and reading test 'engine')
- (2) story **Worksheets** (multiple exercise handouts for every story)
- (3) a **Full Guide to Ziptales** (a 'page turning' PDF manual for everything on the site)
- (4) and **Useful Videos** (a series of very short visual presentations on key content areas).

	RR levels	Lexia levels	Fleisch 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 - 960	5.0 - 6.5
Zip Stage 9		950 - 1100	6.0 - 7.0
Zip Stage 10		1100+	7+

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# (2) How to monitor what children are doing

Ziptales assumes that the second issue for offsite use of the website is teachers keeping track of what children are doing. This is addressed explicitly in the new Off Site Schooling page.

The Off Site Schooling page shows four different ways teachers can track the work they have set.

- (1) Class tracking sheet (for teachers only)
- (2) Student tracking sheet
- (3) My Ziptales Record (simple tracking)
- (4) Story Map

All details and links are provided on the COVID-19 special page.



1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2	ZIPTALES RECORD	STORY GENRES	FILL THE GAPS	MULTIPLE CHOICE	DATE					
3	Name of student:	Genre	Score	Choice	DATE					
4	Abby	Genre	Score	Choice	DATE					
5	Alphabet	Genre	Score	Choice	DATE					
7	Adventure	Galaxy Chase	4	1.7	209					
8		Good Dog	4	2.8	309					
9		The Eye of the Idol	5	2.5	218					
10		Frangipani Parakeet	5	2.6	275					
11		Dr Wow	5	3.1	352					
12		Dr Wow in Atlantis	5	3.4	400					
13		Probers Keepers	5	3.4	440					
14		Lee-Dinosaur Test	6	5.5	560					
15		The Pirates' Cave	6	4.7	595					
16		Last in the Rainforest	6	6.1	659					
17		Old Mary	6	4.9	770					
18		The Pirates' Prize	8	5.9	448					
19		Animal	4	2.4	202					
20		Who Will Save Puffy?	4	2.8	362					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
ZIPTALES LIBRARY	STUDENT RECORD SHEET	Category	Title	Brief description of the story or text	Words	STAGE	READ	FILL GAPS	MULTIPLE CHOICE				
7	Comedy	The Exterminator	A cat gets rid of a mouse. But how to get rid of the cat?	929	4								
8		Tails of Bears	A fantasy fable about a vain and greedy bear.	402	4								
9		Loo Blues	What to do when you find yourself locked in the toilet?	403	4								
10		Peashoan	A crazy peacock adopts a family. But it drives them mad.	518	4								
11		Tortured by Fairies	A boy finds himself trapped at an all girl party.	598	5								
12		Loose Undies	A girl finds her undies are slipping down - at school!	623	5								
13		Hiccups	A boy has chronic hiccups. How to cure them?	993	5								
14		Stinklers											

**My Ziptales Record**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Link: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Finished: \_\_\_\_\_

What I thought of the story: \_\_\_\_\_

**Test Results**

Fill the Gaps: 5/10

Attempts: \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Choice: 4/5

Attempts: \_\_\_\_\_

Worksheet: Complete

### Ziptales Genre Stories

Colour each block once you have read the story

Storytime	Storytime	Easy Readers Short Novels	Easy Readers Constant Reads
The Three Little Pigs <small>Zip Stage 3 (378 words)</small>	Wendy and the Fairy <small>Zip Stage 3 (473 words)</small>	Let's Get Wet	The Little Green Crab
The Billy Goats Gruff <small>Zip Stage 3 (476 words)</small>	Wendy and the Pirate <small>Zip Stage 3 (430 words)</small>	Bob The Frog	At The Playground
Goldilocks and the Three Bears <small>Zip Stage 3 (366 words)</small>	Wendy and the Dragon <small>Zip Stage 3 (560 words)</small>	I Wish	Play All Day
Little Red Riding Hood <small>Zip Stage 3 (422 words)</small>	Wendy and the Genie <small>Zip Stage 3 (530 words)</small>	Bad Cat	Have You Ever...

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# For F/K/Prep to Year 2 teachers

There are 12 categories of work that you can set for children in the early years.

The main 'story' modules are **Storytime**, **Timeless Tales**, **Puppet Plays** and **Junior Readers** (nearly 40 stories).

All details are provided in the 'Full Guide' teacher manual.

In addition, the **Easy Readers** are a full set of phonics based texts, each exploring a sound family (see next slide).

The screenshot shows the ZIPTALES website interface for 'Developing Literacy F-2'. The top navigation bar includes 'TEACHER', 'ZIPTALES', 'Welcome, Ziptales Master Admin', and 'LOGOUT'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is 'Developing Literacy F-2'. The content area is titled 'Reading & Enrichment' and contains a grid of 12 resource categories, each with a search icon and a share icon:

- ABC
- Storytime
- Timeless Tales
- Puppet Plays
- Easy Readers
- Junior Readers
- Joke in a Box
- Puzzle Palace
- Rhyme Time
- Make and Do
- Happy Schools
- Specialised English Lessons (SEL)

Below the screenshot are three preview images for the 'Storytime', 'Timeless Tales', and 'Junior Readers' modules. The 'Storytime' preview shows a colorful forest scene with various characters. The 'Timeless Tales' preview shows a blue sky with a castle and a dragon. The 'Junior Readers' preview shows a child reading a book with various characters around them.

# Easy Readers (phonics practice)

The **Easy Readers** are phonics based – written specifically to develop phonemic awareness in the early primary years.

Ziptales takes a much broader view of developing literacy, and is very comfortable with a ‘whole language’ approach, but also deliberately provides an explicit phonics instruction module (*Easy Readers*) for beginning readers.

All major sound families are carefully represented in a series of funny texts, complete with text highlighting and voiceovers. Worksheets are provided.



The image shows the 'Easy Readers' app interface. At the top, the title 'Easy Readers' is displayed in large, blue, bubbly letters. Below the title, there are several cartoon characters: a woman sitting in a chair, a man and a child, a green frog, and a snail. Below the characters, there are several circular icons representing different phonics topics: 'Short Vowels', 'Consonant Blends', 'Simple Digraphs', 'Long Vowels', 'Vowel Consonant Digraphs', and 'Simple Vowel Digraphs'. A red arrow points from the 'Short Vowels' icon to a video player below. The video player shows a cartoon illustration of a man in a blue shirt and yellow pants, holding a black bag, standing in a doorway. The text 'Dad was mad.' is displayed below the illustration. A text box to the left of the video player contains the text 'Bad Cat - short vowel 'a''. The video player has a red play button in the bottom right corner and a red volume icon in the top right corner.

# Worksheets

**Worksheets** are available for each story and can be accessed under each of the content icons.

These are follow up exercises (post reading) for use at the teacher's discretion.

If children and their parents have access to a printer, you simply choose the appropriate sheets and ask them to complete those sheets as follow up work.

If you choose, the completed sheets could be scanned by parents and returned to the teacher.

The screenshot shows the ZIPTALES website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'TEACHER' on the left, 'ZIPTALES' in the center, and 'Back' on the right. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Dashboard', 'Content Libraries', 'Resources', 'More', 'Help / Support', and 'Contact'. The main heading is 'Developing Literacy F-2'. Underneath, there is a 'Reading & Enrichment' section with a descriptive paragraph: 'These resources are designed especially for Developing Literacy F-2 (Year 1 and Year 2). These are the early years, where children are being taught to read, and can deal with simple texts. The texts here vary from learning the ABC, through simple phonics based texts, and on to more complex whole stories. There are a more than 250+ texts in this section.' Below the text are several content icons: 'ABC', 'Storytime', 'Timeless Tales', 'Puppet Plays', 'Easy Readers', 'Junior Readers' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Joke in a Box', 'Puzzle Palace', 'Rhyme Time', 'Make and Do', 'Happy Schools', and 'Specialised English Lessons (SEL)'. Below the icons is a 'Worksheets – Junior Readers' section with a list of worksheets categorized by story: 'Imaginary Worlds', 'People Like Me', 'Stories From Long Ago', 'Fun Facts', 'The Lonely Giant', 'Tiny Ted Saves Tilly', 'How The Kangaroo Got Her Pouch', 'Fun Facts About Fun', 'The Lonely Giant - Worksheet 1', 'The Lonely Giant - Worksheet 2', 'Pinky The Elephant - Worksheet 1', 'Pinky The Elephant - Worksheet 2', 'The Silly Mouse - Worksheet 1', 'The Silly Mouse - Worksheet 2', 'The Magic Sultcase - Worksheet 1', 'The Magic Sultcase - Worksheet 2', 'Wheels of Speed - Worksheet 1', 'Wheels of Speed - Worksheet 2', 'The Gold Ring - Worksheet 1', 'Nobody Loves Me - Worksheet 1', 'Nobody Loves Me - Worksheet 2', 'Before, I Was Bad - Worksheet 1', 'Poor Little Rich Boy - Worksheet 1', 'Poor Little Rich Boy - Worksheet 2', 'The Thirsty Frog - Worksheet 1', 'The Thirsty Frog - Worksheet 2', 'How The Kiwi Bird Lost Its Wings - Worksheet 1', 'How The Kiwi Bird Lost Its Wings - Worksheet 2', 'Mau! And The Giant Fish - Worksheet 1', 'Mau! And The Giant Fish - Worksheet 2', 'The Magic Paint Brush - Worksheet 1', 'The Magic Paint Brush - Worksheet 2', 'The Mouse Deer And The Cucumbers - Worksheet 1', 'The Mouse Deer And The Cucumbers - Worksheet 2', 'Fun Facts About Fun - Worksheet 1', 'Fun Facts About Fun - Worksheet 2', 'Fun Facts About The Body - Worksheet 1', 'Fun Facts About The Body - Worksheet 2', 'Fun Facts About Food - Worksheet 1', 'Fun Facts About Food - Worksheet 2', 'Fun Facts About Animals - Worksheet 1', 'Fun Facts About Animals - Worksheet 2'. A preview of a worksheet titled 'The Lonely Giant Missing Letters' is shown on the right, featuring a list of words with missing letters and a drawing of a giant.

# For Year 3 to Year 6 teachers

For students in middle and upper primary years, there is a complete **Reading Library** of over 200 stories classified according to genre: Adventure, Animal, Comedy, Fairy Tales, Fantasy, etc.

Each story comes with a voiceover, animations, comprehension quizzes and worksheets (which can be accessed under each content icon).

*All details are provided in the 'Full Guide' teacher manual.*

The screenshot shows the ZIPTALES website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'TEACHER' and 'ZIPTALES' logos, and a user welcome message 'Welcome, Ziptales Master Admin!' with a 'LOGOUT' button. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is 'Extending Literacy 3-6'. Underneath, there is a 'Reading Library' section with a descriptive paragraph: 'These resources are designed especially for Extending Literacy 3-6 (Years 3 to 6). These texts assume children are competent readers, and need lots of practice at different levels of ability. The overall approach is to offer a wide range of genres to cater for a variety of interests. Every story comes with two interactive comprehension quizzes and worksheets. There are a total of 200+ texts in this section.' To the right of the text is a grid of 16 genre icons, each with a magnifying glass and a book icon. The genres are: Adventure, Animal, Children in History, Choose Your Own Adventure, Comedy, Fairy Tales, Fantasy, Graphic Classics, Interactive Readers, Mystery, Myths & Legends, People, Scary, True Tales, Yucky, and Advanced Library. A large red arrow points from the 'Adventure' icon to a preview image of an 'Adventure Land' story. The preview image shows a character in a jungle setting with the title 'ADVENTURE LAND' and a navigation bar at the bottom.

# Worksheets (Years 3 to 6)

The stories come with a variety of worksheets including **Learning Support, Spelling and Vocabulary, Word Work** and **General Worksheets**.

These are post reading exercises for use at the teacher's discretion. All can be checked online in a few minutes.

Here the teacher can make a conscious choice about what sort of exercise to set – a general one, a spelling one, one focussed on words, a Learning Support one.

Which ones are suitable will vary with the individual child.

Worksheets – Adventure

You will need Acrobat Reader to open and print out the scripts. If you do not have Acrobat Reader, click [here](#) to visit the Acrobat site and download it.

**General Worksheets**

- Live Dinosaur Tour
- Worksheet 1 – Have You Heard of Homographs?
- Worksheet 2 – Dinosaur Quiz – What Am I?
- Worksheet 3 – Dinosaur Research
- Worksheet 4 – My Life As a Dinosaur

**Learning Support Worksheets**

- Good Dog
- Dr Wow in Atlantis
- Galaxy Chase
- The Pirates' Cave
- Finders Keepers
- Dr Wow
- Old Minty
- The Pirate's Prize *Not available*
- The Eye of the Idol *Not available*
- The Forgotten Pharaoh *Not available*
- Lost in the Rainforest *Not available*
- Live Dinosaur Tour *Not available*

**Spelling and Vocab Worksheets**

- Live Dinosaur Tour
- Good Dog
- Lost in the Rainforest
- Dr Wow in Atlantis
- Galaxy Chase
- The Pirates' Cave
- The Eye of the Idol
- The Forgotten Pharaoh
- Old Minty
- Finders Keepers
- Dr Wow
- The Pirates' Cave

**Word Work Worksheets (NEW)**

- Live Dinosaur Tour
- Good Dog
- Lost in the Rainforest
- Dr Wow in Atlantis
- Galaxy Chase
- The Pirates' Cave
- The Eye of the Idol
- The Forgotten Pharaoh

**Dr Wow**  
*The Thrill of Time Travel*

But his best invention was the TADIS. Like Dr Who's TARDIS, it involved a box that travelled in time. "It stands for Time and Date in Sync," said Uncle Harry, wiping his glasses with excitement.

One of the most exciting ideas in Science Fiction has always been the concept of travelling in time.

The two best known examples of this are "The Time Machine", a short novel by HG Wells (published in 1895), which has since been made into two films – and "Dr Who", the world famous British television series which was first broadcast in November 1963 – and is still running 50 years later.

There are other stories too. Some say that the story of "Rip van Winkle" (by Washington Irving, 1819) is a "time slip" story, and that the celebrated novel "A Christmas Carol" (by Charles Dickens, 1843) is another, as is "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" (by Mark Twain, 1889) – though they are all strictly speaking fantasies as opposed to "science fiction" (there is no explanation scientifically in any one of them for how the characters get around in time).

(\* "Rip van Winkle" appears in Ziptales, under Myths and Legends)

**Your task:**

1. Find out as much as you can about one of these stories with research (in books and online).
2. Write out a short summary of the story you have chosen (50-100 words), or in the case of Dr Who, of a typical episode.
3. Find some pictures to illustrate the story.
4. Present your summary and pictures to the class.



# Example of a story

The stories all have **Fill the Gaps** (cloze) and **Multiple Choice** comprehension activities for students to complete after reading the story.

These provide instant feedback on how well the story was understood. A low score sees the child prompted to 'Try again'.

It is these scores that can be recorded using the various tracking sheets mentioned earlier.

Zip Stage

Story: Marion Thomas  
Artwork: Kelvin Hucker

## Dr Wow

Zip Stage 5

**B**illy's uncle Dr Harry was an inventor. He lived on the top floor in what Billy's Dad called the Crankshop. Harry was an odd one.

You may have read in the papers about the madman who crossed the bay in a Volkswagen with floats attached. All went well until the Water Police motored up and asked if he had a licence for his "boat". It was just as well. By the time they got back, the car was half under water. Dad was forced to pay the fine. Harry had to promise to stay on land. Dad dubbed it the "Waterbomb".



And then there was his portable folding armchair. You pressed a button, and it inflated under you. Problem was the weight of a person caused the chair to topple over. Mum ended up sprawled on the floor with the chair still wrapped around her. Dad dubbed this breakthrough "Dr Floppy's Folly".

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Story: Marion Thomas  
Artwork: Kelvin Hucker

## Dr Wow

Zip Stage 5

"It's all sorted," said Billy.

"What?"

"I did the composition. And got an A."

"How?"

"Went back to last week. Did it. Handed it in."

"But how?"

"Dr Harry's 'sync your homework to the set date' machine."

"Wow!" said Dad.



**FILL THE GAPS** **MULTIPLE CHOICE**

You have reached the end of the story. Now, let's see how well you understood 'Dr Wow', by completing the quizzes to the right of screen...

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Story: Marion Thomas  
Artwork: Kelvin Hucker

## Dr Wow

Zip Stage 5

Billy's Uncle Harry was an actor. The TADIS was a time machine. The first place Billy travelled to was Paris. Unfortunately the locals thought that he was a king and tried to catch him. Billy only just escaped in time, when he pressed the red button on the machine's remote control. When he got back home, he told Harry that the past was too sad. On his next trip in the TADIS, Billy went to Sydney in 2050. Billy was amazed to see that everyone wore a little badge on their hats. Unfortunately, he got into trouble again because he didn't have a passport with him. The only good that Billy got out of the TADIS was when he used it to improve his appearance.

See My Score!

# Ziptales' reading levels scheme

A reminder that all Ziptales stories are levelled according to the unique **Ziptales Reading Levels** scheme.

Essentially, there are **10 Zip Stages**, mapped to the **Reading Recovery**, **Flesch** and **Lexile** reading difficulty systems.

For example, if a child is reading at Zip Stage 5, he/she is effectively in the Year 3-4 class level average. There is a special way of testing this – see following slide.

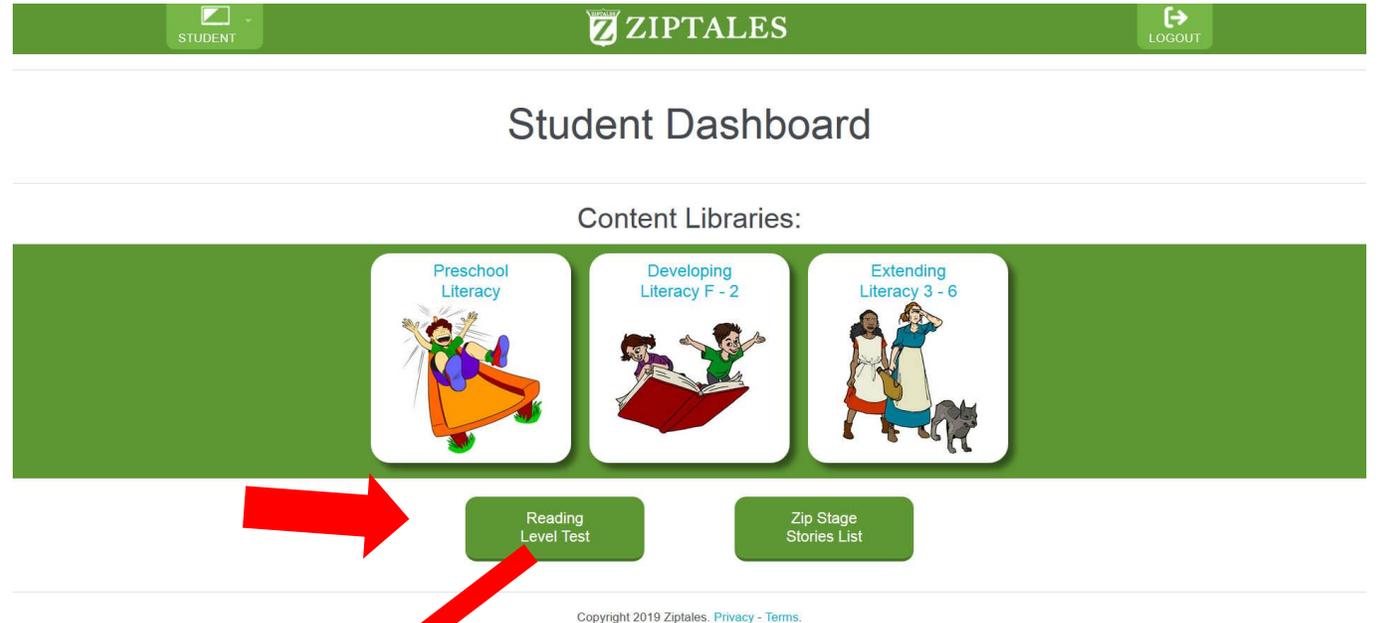
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Zip Stage 10		1100+	7+

# Ziptales' Reading Level test

Students can access a specially designed **reading placement 'engine'** to pinpoint the Zip Stage suited to their reading ability.

Teachers need to guide students to the right story, if they have not already done this in class. The test, if you choose to do it, takes just a few minutes, and recommends an appropriate reading level – not too easy, not too hard.

All instructions for this test are provided in the 'Reading Levels' page on the Teacher Dashboard.



STUDENT

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### Student Dashboard

Content Libraries:

- Preschool Literacy
- Developing Literacy F - 2
- Extending Literacy 3 - 6

Reading Level Test

Zip Stage Stories List

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### Select Story

Click on the title of the story your teacher has given you to read.  
You should only read one story.

- Tom and the Mouse
- Bad Dog
- Three Wishes
- Over the Rainbow
- The Education of Amelia



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### Result

Great effort! Your Ziptales Reading Level is **ZIP STAGE 5**.  
Please tell your teacher this result.  
We have some great stories just for you! Select one of them below or click [here](#) to see a full list.

- Finders Keepers
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- A Ghost Story
- Loose Undies

# Ziptales' reading levels matrix

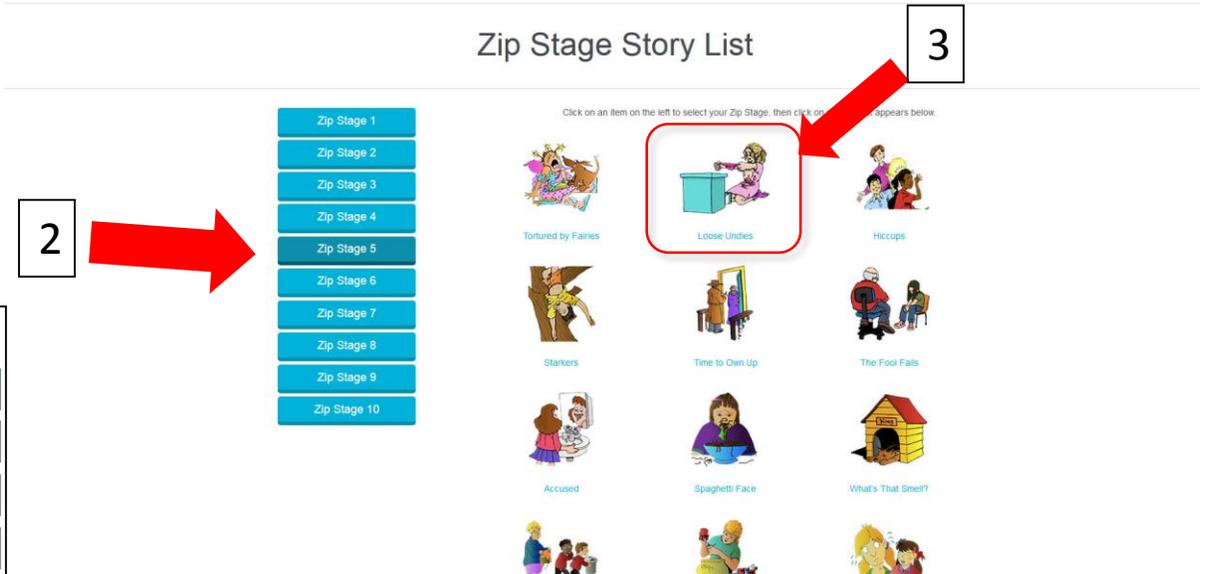
Once students have been assigned a **Zip Stage**, they can directly access level-appropriate titles using a list of stories sorted by reading difficulty (1).

For example, if a student is assigned **Zip Stage 5** – a list of stories suited to their reading ability appears for them to choose from (2).

Once the student chooses a text (3), under the teacher's guidance, the monitoring or tracking methods mentioned earlier come into play.



## Zip Stage Story List



Ziptales Genre Stories			
Colour each block once you have read the story			
Storytime	Storytime	Easy Readers Jim Frew	Easy Readers Lorraine Brett
The Three Little Pigs <small>(Zip Stage 3 (375 words))</small>	Wendy and the Fairy <small>(Zip Stage 3 (427 words))</small>	Let's Get Wet!	The Little Green Crab
The Billy Goats Gruff <small>(Zip Stage 3 (476 words))</small>	Wendy and the Pirate <small>(Zip Stage 3 (500 words))</small>	Bob the Frog	At the Playground
Goldilocks and the Three Bears <small>(Zip Stage 3 (516 words))</small>	Wendy and the Dragon <small>(Zip Stage 3 (560 words))</small>	I Wish	Play All Day
Little Red Riding Hood <small>(Zip Stage 3 (622 words))</small>	Wendy and the Gnome <small>(Zip Stage 3 (650 words))</small>	Bad Cat	Have You Ever...

# Specialised English Lessons (SEL)

A reminder too about Ziptales' **Specialised English Lessons**.

These lessons cover all outcomes of the English curriculum from Foundation/Prep – Year 6. Each lesson is animated with a voiceover. Each offers follow up work activities, which could be set for home completion.

Lessons appropriate for each year level can be located quickly and easily via the red **Filters** button.

Teachers can select lessons suitable for their students. The children can read the lesson, listen to the voiceover, and then do the exercises for each.

The screenshot shows the Ziptales website interface for 'Specialised English Lessons (SEL)'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'BACK' and 'ZIPTALES' logos. Below this, the main heading reads 'Specialised English Lessons (SEL)'. A red arrow points to this heading. Underneath, there is a 'FILTERS' button and a list of filters. The 'YEAR LEVEL' filter is expanded, showing 'Foundation', 'Years 1 / 2', 'Years 3 / 4' (selected), and 'Years 5 / 6'. The 'THEME' filter is also expanded, showing 'Asking Questions', 'Authors Use of Language', 'Comprehension Skills', 'Digital Texts', 'Editing Skills', 'Expressing Opinions', 'Grammar', 'Language Features', and 'Multimodal Texts'. The 'Different Texts, Same Theme' filter is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow. Below the filters, there is a grid of lesson cards. The 'Different Texts, Same Theme' card is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow. The card title is 'Different Texts, Same Theme' and the subtitle is 'Years 3/4 | Reading | Comprehension Skills'. Other lesson cards include 'Better Writing', 'Capturing Readers', 'Conversations (Part A)', 'Conversations (Part B)', 'Describing a Setting', 'Developing Reading Skills', 'Did You? Didn't You? (Questions)', 'Digital Texts', and 'Enjoying Texts'. At the top right of the page, there is a section titled 'Extending Literacy 3-6' with a 'Reading Library' and 'Enrichment & Skills' section. A red arrow points to a lesson card in the 'Enrichment & Skills' section.

# Ziptales' Curriculum Alignment matrix

The **Curriculum Alignment** link features a scope and sequence chart for each primary year level mapping every content description (Australia), or indicator (NZ), in the English curriculum to a related Ziptales activity.

The curriculum document (word for word) is displayed on the left. The appropriate Ziptales activity to help teachers achieve it is displayed (with live links) on the right.

Teachers can quickly assign suitable elements of the Ziptales content bank to achieve specific curriculum outcomes.

The image shows two screenshots of the Ziptales website's Curriculum Alignment feature. The top screenshot displays the main navigation menu with 'Curriculum Alignment' highlighted. Below the header, there are three options for curriculum selection: Australian Curriculum (Foundation to Year 6), NSW Syllabuses for Australian Curriculum (Early Stage 1 and Stage 2/3), and New Zealand Curriculum (Level 1 to Level 3). A red arrow points from the 'Curriculum Alignment' header to the detailed view below. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Curriculum Alignment' page for 'Australian Curriculum - Year 5'. It features a table with two columns: 'Language' and 'Related Ziptales Activities'. The first row is for 'Language variation and change', with a content description on the left and a list of related activities on the right. The second row is for 'Language for interaction', also with a content description on the left and related activities on the right. A red arrow points from the 'Curriculum Alignment' header to the 'Language for interaction' row. A separate box in the top right corner contains a puzzle icon and the text 'Curriculum Alignment'.