



Theme: Ancient Times

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
2	Medusa (Myths & Legends)	Worksheet #1: Similar Synonyms	Worksheet #4: Ancient Gods and Goddesses Write a report about one of the Greek Gods/Goddesses	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Who Am I? Read aloud for others to guess.	Worksheet #3: The Road To Victory
	The Minotaur & the Maze (Myths & Legends)	Worksheet #1: A 'maze'ing Spelling Rules	Worksheet #3: Write Your Own Myth	Imagine you are about to be eaten by the Minotaur. Convince him why you would be unsuitable as a meal.	Worksheet #2: Can You Speak Greek?
	The Magic Statue (Myths & Legends)	Study the 'ph' sound as in 'Aphrodite'	Worksheet #1: Make a Friend	Worksheet #2: Myths and Morals Read responses aloud.	Create an informative poster about Aphrodite.
	The Magic Arrow (Fairy Tales)	Worksheet #1: Look Who's Talking	Using research skills, write an information report about the Indonesian God 'Batara Guru'.	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Create a Character Web	Worksheet #3: Island in the Sun
3	The Forgotten Pharaoh (Adventureland)	Worksheet #1: We Love Our Plurals!	Worksheet #2: Talk Like an Egyptian	Group Activity Worksheet #4: Create a 3D Shape	Worksheet #3: Luke's Photo Album
	The Mummy's Curse (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: The Prefix Principle	Worksheet #2: A Warning Ignored	Present an oral report about Tutankhamun.	Worksheet #3: Inside a Mummy's Tomb
	The Enchanted Princess (Fairy Tales)	Worksheet #1: Adding Information	Write an adventure story about a mysterious castle in a far off land.	Worksheet #3: Playing With Proverbs Share answers with the group.	Worksheet #2: Spot the Difference



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Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate a spelling list for students to learn using words related to ancient times such as: mummy, tomb, pyramid, ancient, myth, legend, gods, goddesses, hieroglyphics, castle, prince, and princess. ◇ Study the spelling rule 'i before e except after c' as demonstrated in words such as hieroglyphics and received. Use the word 'ancient' as an example of an exception to the rule. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing use of punctuation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Complete a character profile about one of the characters from the online stories using the headings: Name, Characteristics, Likes and Dislikes. ◇ Design a sociogram showing the relationship between the characters in one of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives based on one of the following scenarios: You travel through time and find yourself in ancient Egypt. Write about your experiences. OR: You are at an ancient archaeological site and discover a hidden entrance. What is on the other side? ◇ Write an explanation text using the title: How to build a pyramid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Plan, construct and orally present a 3D model of an ancient building e.g. a pyramid, a castle. ◇ Explore the symbols the ancient Egyptians used in their paintings (hieroglyphics) and design your own code for a fellow class member to decipher. ◇ Present an oral report about an ancient civilization (e.g. Egypt, Greece) and include facts such as clothing, beliefs, housing, food and recreation.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The History of Puppets (Puppet Plays) – *Choose a puppet from ancient times to research.*
- ◇ King Arthur (Graphic Classics) – *Research the 'dark ages' of Britain.*
- ◇ Great Moments in History (Choose Your Own Adventure) – *Present an oral report about an ancient 'moment in history'.*
- ◇ The Black Knight's Castle (Choose Your Own Adventure) – *Identify the main structural features of castles and build a 3D model of the Black Knight's Castle.*

Theme: At the Zoo

Learning Components

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1	Tails of Bears (Comedy Capers)	Study the sound 'ear' as in bear compared to 'ear' as in 'fear'	Use a zoo animal to complete Worksheet #2: Creating Fables	Worksheet #1: Fables	Design a poster displaying interesting information about polar bears.
	Kafoops' Zoo (Animal Antics)	Worksheet #2: Study the Signs	Worksheet #4: The Visitor's Book	Partner Activity - Worksheet 3: The Amazing, Unmissable Excursion!	Worksheet #1: Pretty Funny Floor plan
	The Exterminator (Comedy Capers)	Identify the sounds that zoo animals make e.g. a lion <u>roars</u> , an elephant <u>bellows</u>	Worksheet #1: One Problem Leads to Another!	Use a Venn Diagram to show the similarities and differences between an African and Indian elephant.	Worksheet #2: There's More Than One Way to Kill a Mouse
3	Peabrain (Comedy Capers)	Worksheet #2: Adding 'ing'	Imagine Peabrain was sent to live at the zoo. Write about his adventures.	Present an oral report about peacocks.	Worksheet #1: Design a Comic Strip
	The Faithful Prince (Myths and Legends)	Study the suffix 'ful'	Worksheet #1: Two Points of View - Two Stories	Write a detailed 'What Am I?' about a zoo animal and read aloud for the class to guess which animal is being described.	Create a data grid that displays information about animals related to the monkey.



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Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Make a list of zoo animals for use as a spelling list e.g. lion, elephant, peacock, bear, monkey, chimpanzee, giraffe, snake, cougar, jaguar and zebra.
- ◇ Write descriptive sentences about each of the zoo animals from the spelling list using two appropriate adjectives to describe each animal.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the spelling of high frequency words.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Write a newspaper report retelling the unusual events from one of the online stories.
- ◇ Write a detailed description of a zoo animal from one of the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write narratives using the following topics:
The Zoo Without Animals
The Missing Giraffe
Elephant on the Loose!
- ◇ Write an animal report about a zoo animal. Include in the report: Classification, Description, Feeding Habits, Breeding Habits and Interesting Facts.
- ◇ If possible, visit a zoo and students write a recount about their experience.
- ◇ Design an information booklet about how to care for a chosen zoo animal.

Oral Language

- ◇ Students write a children's book about a zoo adventure and read the book to a younger class.
- ◇ Present a slide show or oral report about how zoos assist in the protection of endangered species.
- ◇ Conduct a class discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of keeping animals in a zoo.
- ◇ Recite poetry about zoo animals using voice projection and intonation.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Make zoo animals in the form of the Tiny Teddy (Zip's Make and Do – Easy level); the Animal Kites & Dancing Ted (Zip's Make and Do – Medium level) and the Jumping Frog (Zip's Make and Do – Hard level)
- ◇ 'Amazing Animals' and 'Brilliant Birds' in Puzzle Palace



Theme: Australia

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
2	Capsize! (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Abbreviations	Write an information report about the <i>HMAS Adelaide</i> .	Group Activity – Worksheet #3: Survival of the Fittest	Worksheet #2: Design a Glossary
	Kay Cottee’s Adventures (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: A Dash of this and a Dash of that	Worksheet #2: Dear Diary	Present an oral report about the merits of Sydney Harbour.	Worksheet #3: Australians of the Year
	The Rainbow Serpent (<i>Myths and Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1: Building on Base Words	Worksheet #4: Write Your Own Legend	Worksheet #4: Write Your Own Legend Make a big book of your legend and read it to a younger class.	Worksheet #2: Kindly Kin Worksheet #3: Recreating the Scene
	Two Hours From Town (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Meddling with Metaphors	Worksheet #3: Outback Emergency	Co-operative Group Activity Worksheet #2: A Different Kind of School	Design a brochure warning tourists of the dangers of the Australian outback.
3	No Second Chances (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Proper Nouns	Worksheet #3: The Great Divide	Partner Activity: Worksheet #2: Adventure Sports	Create a fact file about the National Safety Council of Australia (NSCA)
	The Bell and the Bushranger (<i>Children in History</i>)	Worksheet #2: Let’s Look at James	Worksheet #1: Writing a letter about life on the Goldfields	Worksheet #4: Research...Reflect...Report – Gold Rush & Eureka Stockade	Worksheet #3: Eureka Wordsearch
	Secret Journey (<i>Children in History</i>)	Worksheet #3: Cloze Activity	Worksheet #2: Design a travel poster	Worksheet #4: Research...Reflect...Report – Paddle steamers & Riverboat Era	Worksheet #1: Character feelings grid
	Runaway (<i>Children in History</i>)	Worksheet #3: Acrostic Poem	Worksheet #1: Write a newspaper report about the runaway train	Worksheet #4: Research...Reflect...Report – Life in Australia in 1915	Worksheet #2: Journal Writing



Topic: Australia

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate spelling lists related to Australian themes e.g. native animals, aboriginal studies or specific historical events.
- ◇ Demonstrate a working knowledge of capital letters by identifying states, territories, capital cities and major landmarks on a map of Australia.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing use of capital letters.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Use one or more of the online stories to write descriptions of the characters in the format of a 'Who Am I?'
- ◇ Design a dust cover for one of the online stories including a detailed blurb on the back cover.

Writing

- ◇ Visit a local Australian landmark or historical site. Write a recount about the day including a description of the significance of the site of the excursion.
- ◇ Design an information booklet/brochure about an aspect of the Australian Outback e.g. Overland Telegraph, Mining Towns, Great Outback Explorers
- ◇ Write a reflective piece about what it means to be an Australian.

Oral Language

- ◇ Hold an 'Australiana' day where student bring items to school that are specifically Australian.
- ◇ Recite Australian poetry such as 'Mulga Bill's Bicycle' aloud using voice projection and intonation.
- ◇ Create a slide show presentation with an Australian theme e.g. **Historical Events** such as the Gold Rush, the arrival of the First Fleet, Gallipoli and Federation; **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage** such as Kinship, Sacred Sites, Ceremonies, Bush Tucker, Bush Medicine, Language, Traditional Clothing and Tribal Customs.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Children in History – *Study background notes about important stages of Australian history including the Gold Rush, Eureka Stockade, riverboats and the Murray River system, the era of steam trains and events from World War 1.*
- ◇ Children in History - *Make the paper doll models and hold a dress up day where children come to school dressed as a child from the 19th century.*
- ◇ Rhyme Time - 'Mulga Bill's Bicycle', 'Waltzing Matilda', and 'The Man from Snowy River', 'Possum Town' - *read and do follow up activities.*



Theme: Bullying

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
2	Maggots (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Worksheet #2: Descriptive Words	Write a persuasive text using the title: <i>We should always respect the property of others.</i>	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Just Desserts	Design a comic strip of the story.
	William's Red Rocket (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #2: Believe In Yourself!	List strategies for dealing with bullies.	Group Discussion: Do you think William and Bradley will remain friends? Why/Why not?	Worksheet #1: Design a Billy Cart
	Danny's New Glasses (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Know Your Nouns	Worksheet #3: Writing a Description	Worksheet #4: Bully-Free Zone Discuss with a group.	Worksheet #2: Reading a Description
	The New Girl (<i>People Stories</i>)	Study antonyms using examples from the title: new/old, girl/boy	Worksheet #1: Welcoming Committee	Worksheet #2: Handling Difficult Situations	Describe the unlikely friendship between Jess and Kylie.
	Cinderella (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Using Commas	Worksheet #3: Design an Invitation	Were Cinderella's stepsisters bullies? Discuss as a group.	Worksheet #2: Character Study
	The Battered Bully (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Study adding 'ed' to words	Worksheet #2: School Camp	Partner Activity: List the bullying behaviour that Bradley displayed.	Worksheet #1: Crossword
3	Crazy Codes (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Worksheet #3: Words Within Words	Worksheet #4: Make it a Mystery!	Group Discussion - Worksheet #1: Getting Your Facts Right	** COMPLETE BEFORE READING SOLUTION Worksheet #2: Coded Messages
	A Laugh a Day (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Replacing Verbs	Worksheet #4: No Bullies Here!	Worksheet #2: Joking Around Tell jokes to the class.	Worksheet #3: Taking Good Advice



Topic: **Bullying**

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate a spelling list for students to learn using words related to non-bullying behaviour e.g. respect, kindness, patience, friendliness, tolerance, acceptance, generosity and thoughtfulness.
- ◇ Write the adverb form of the nouns from the spelling list e.g. respect (noun), respectfully (adverb)
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing knowledge of capital letters.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Complete a character profile about one of the characters from the online stories using the headings: Name, Other Family Members, Characteristics, Likes, Dislikes and My Opinion of this Character.
- ◇ Design a sociogram showing the relationship between the characters in one of the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write narratives using the topics:
No More Bullies!
How the Bully Became My Friend
The Schoolyard Bully
- ◇ Write a reflective recount about an experience with a bully.
- ◇ Design an advertisement for a device that turns a bully into the friendliest kid in school.
- ◇ Write a letter to a local newspaper about how your school combats bullying behaviour.

Oral Language

- ◇ Discuss times when students may have been bullied and list their feelings/ reactions to the experience. Identify the different forms that bullying can take eg Passive Bullying (ignoring someone, spreading gossip) and Aggressive Bullying (hitting and name-calling). In small co-operative groups, students identify ways to handle these kinds of bullying behaviours and present their suggestions to the class.
- ◇ Role play situations which show examples of assertive behaviour when faced with bullying tactics.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Runaway (Children in History) – *Would you consider Wally a bully? Why/Why not?*
- ◇ *Present a puppet play using 'a script for sock puppets #4'*
- ◇ *All Together Now* - the Ziptales DVD/CD resource (sold separately to the website) - is a full 'whole school approach to bullying' package.

Theme: Caring for our Environment

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Slime Soup (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Study 'i-e' words: -ime, -ice, -ike, -ine etc	Worksheet #1: Slime Soup Recipe	Worksheet #2: Chanting (Read aloud).	Design a booklet about garden pests.
	Little Duck Wants to Play (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Worksheet #2: Describing Characters	Write an animal report about a creature that inhabits wetlands.	Present an oral report about the importance of wetlands.	Worksheet #1: Friendship Matters
2	Spaghetti Face (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Brainstorm a list of adjectives to describe worms.	Create a chart identifying suitable and unsuitable food scraps to use in a worm farm.	Small Group Activity Worksheet #2: What Would You Do?	Worksheet #1: Poster Design
	The Pied Piper (<i>Myths & Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1: Astounding Anagrams	Worksheet #2: Design a Cartoon Strip	Partner Activity: Research the effects of an animal plague on the environment.	Worksheet #3: Wanted - For Stealing Children!
3	Thumbelina (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Synonym Brainstorm	Worksheet #2: Writing an Animal Report	Present a slide show about the life cycle of a flower.	Worksheet #3: Create a 3D Diorama
	The Flower of Happiness (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Study the suffix 'ness' as in 'happiness'.	Worksheet #2: Become an Author	Co-operative Cloze Worksheet #3: Happy New Year!	Worksheet #1: Sequence a Story Map
	Gobwit (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Locate and define ten words that use the base word 'micro'.	Worksheet #1: Tongue Twisters	Worksheet #2: Same Sound Sentences	Draw a cross section of a worm farm.
	The Gremlin Vine (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Use correct vocabulary to label the parts of a flowering plant.	Worksheet #1: Here We Have Horror	Partner Activity: Plant seeds and observe growth. Present the findings to the class.	Design a brochure entitled: How to Care for Plants.
	Lost in the Rainforest (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Using Commas	Worksheet #3: Writing a Recount	Partner Activity: Worksheet #2: Animal or Plant?	Create a slide show about protecting rainforests.
	The Faithful Prince (<i>Myths & Legends</i>)	Study the suffix 'ful'.	Worksheet #1: Two Points of View - Two Stories	Present an oral report about the importance of trees in our environment.	Imagine you are the spirit of a tree. Which tree would you choose and why?



Topic: *Caring for our Environment*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate an environmental related spelling list for students to learn using words such as: tree, plant, flower, shrub, garden, worm, plague, pollution, recycle, waste, rubbish, environment, destruction, rainforest and wetlands. ◇ Locate the dictionary definitions of the words in the spelling list. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the use of punctuation marks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Design a flowchart of events of one of the online stories. ◇ Create a cause and effect chart of destructive influences on our environment using information from the online stories and their related activities.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>The Enormous Flower</i> <i>The Land at the Top of the Tree</i> <i>Too Much Rubbish!</i> <i>My Life as a Worm</i> ◇ Design a brochure about how to care for the environment. ◇ Write a procedural text about how to create a worm farm. ◇ Write a letter to the local newspaper about a specific environmental concern in the local community. ◇ Write an animal report about a minibeast that could be found in a compost heap. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Present an oral report about the importance of the three Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and one C – Composting. ◇ Invite parents or grandparents to assist students in caring for the school garden areas. ◇ Conduct a debate about deforestation and its effects on the environment. ◇ In small groups, students collect all food scraps from the other classes in the school each day to throw into a school compost heap.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Sea Monster (Puppet Plays) – *Identify the importance of keeping our waterways free of rubbish*
- ◇ Jumping Frog (Zip’s Make and Do – Hard level) – *create the origami frog*
- ◇ Rhyme Time - ‘The Wind’ and ‘The Rainbow’

Theme: Celebrations

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
2	Tortured By Fairies (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Study the blend 'ar' as in 'party'	Worksheet #2: Write your own story or verse	Demonstrate how to play a chosen party game to the class.	Worksheet #1: Birthday Party Word Find
	Bill and the Kitten (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Study the blend 'ir' as in 'birthday'	Write a recount about the best birthday present you have ever received.	Worksheet #2: Using Drama	Worksheet #1: The Pet's Perspective
	Cinderella (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Using Commas	Worksheet #3: Design an Invitation	Group Discussion: How do you prepare for a party?	Worksheet #2: Character Study
	The Flower of Happiness (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Study adding the suffix 'ness' to adjectives e.g. happy/happiness, bright/brightness	Worksheet #2: Become an Author	Co-operative Cloze Worksheet #3: Happy New Year!	Worksheet #1: Snapshot of a Story Map
	The Twelve Dancing Princesses (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: What's the Word?	Write an information report about dances used for special celebrations e.g. bridal waltz - wedding	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Let's Dance!	Worksheet #3: Disappearing Acts
	The Fancy Dress Fiend (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Worksheet #3: Mysteriously Missing Meanings	Write a mystery story using a party as the scene of the mystery.	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Who Wore What?	Worksheet #2: Fancy Dress Your Friends
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Topic: Celebrations

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Make a list of words related to the theme for use as a spelling list e.g. party, birthday, wedding, anniversary, baptism, Christmas, celebrate, balloons, streamers, cake and presents. ◇ Use the rule 'change y to i and add es' to make words ending in y plural e.g. party/parties ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the use of speech marks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Write a review for one of the online stories and include the following information: title, setting, main characters, favourite character, highlights, improvements and opinion of the story. ◇ Write an alternate ending to one of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write recounts using the following topics: <i>The Birthday Party I'll Never Forget</i> <i>Our Family Celebration</i> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>The Most Unusual Gift</i> <i>The Missing Birthday Cake</i> ◇ Write a recipe for a birthday cake suitable for a mythical creature e.g. wizard, giant, monster or fairy. ◇ Design an invitation for a class/school celebration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Present an oral report about celebrations from other countries/cultures. ◇ Conduct a class celebration. Students plan the venue, food, decorations and entertainment for the day. ◇ Use one of the online stories to present as Reader's Theatre to an audience. ◇ Interview a parent or grandparent about a memorable celebration in their life. Relate their story back to the class.

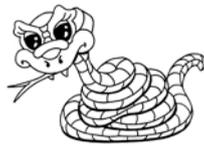
Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Digital Documentaries - Runaway (Children in History) – *Read about how Christmas was celebrated in 1915 and compare to how Christmas is celebrated today.*
- ◇ Christmas Angel (Zip's Make and Do – Easy level), Jack in a Box (Zip's Make and Do – Medium level) and the Christmas Ball (Zip's Make and Do – Hard level) – *make the models and display them.*

Theme: *Dangerous Creatures*

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Old Minty (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #2: Word Find	Use information from the story to write an explanation text about how to treat snakebites.	Present an oral report about a poisonous snake.	Worksheet #1: Emergency Situations
	Tails of Bears (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Study homophones using the example from the title of the story: tails/tales	Use a dangerous creature to complete Worksheet #2: Creating Fables	Worksheet #1: Fables	Design a brochure warning people about the dangers of polar bears.
	Princess Nightmare (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Brainstorm words other than 'said' using examples such as 'cringed' from the story	Worksheet #3: Asking Too Much	Group Activity Worksheet #1: Pros and Cons	Worksheet #2: Daily Disasters
2	Snake! (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Studying Suffixes	Write an imaginative recount using the title: My Encounter With a Snake!	Worksheet #2: Body Language	Worksheet #3: Research Project
	In Your Sleep (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Sentences	Worksheet #3: Writing a Report	Tell a scary story to the class about an encounter with a dangerous creature.	Worksheet #2: Similes
	Arachno-phoebe (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Study the 'ph' sound as in 'phobia'	Worksheet #2: Words and Pictures	Worksheet #1: Phobias	Create an informative mini poster about how spiders spin their webs.
3	The Eye of the Idol (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: To, Too or Two? Worksheet #2: Word Switch	Write about the similarities and differences of saltwater and freshwater crocodiles.	In pairs, role play the activity from Worksheet #4: Interview Lucky Luke	Worksheet #3: Design a Front Cover
	Live Dinosaur Tour (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Have You Heard of Homographs?	Worksheet #4: My Life as a Dinosaur	Partner Activity Worksheet #3: Dinosaur Research	Worksheet #2: Dinosaur Quiz – What Am I?
	The Ghost Ship (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #2: Sailing Ships	Worksheet #3: Read All About It!	Worksheet #1: What Really Happened? Share theories with the class.	Design a data grid about different types of dangerous sharks.



Topic: *Dangerous Creatures*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Make a list of dangerous creatures and use these words as a spelling list e.g. bear, snake, spider, dinosaur, crocodile, shark, rhinoceros, elephant, wolf, lion and hippopotamus. ◇ Write collective nouns for each of the animals from the spelling list e.g. a herd of elephants ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing sentence structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Design a comic strip of one of the online stories. ◇ Describe the feelings of a chosen character when they encounter a dangerous creature from one or more of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Imagine you have travelled back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth; write about your experiences. ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>The Lazy Lion</i> <i>Shark Attack!</i> <i>Spiders Galore</i> ◇ Write an animal report about a chosen dangerous creature. Include in the report: Classification, Description, Feeding Habits, Breeding Habits and Interesting Facts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Construct a timeline of the period when dinosaurs roamed the earth and present it orally to the class. ◇ In pairs, create a mind map about five specific dangerous creatures found in Australia. For each creature, students provide details about why the animal is harmful to humans and how we can prevent an attack. ◇ Plan and write a sensory poem about an encounter with a dangerous creature. To write a sensory poem, each line begins with the following introductions: I see... I hear... I smell... I taste... I feel... and at least ten words must be used for each line. Read poems to the class.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Animal kites (Zip's Make and Do – Medium level) – *make the kites*
- ◇ 'Amazing Animals', 'T-Rex', 'The Princess in the Tower', 'Pirate Island' (Puzzle Palace)

Theme: Food

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Slime Soup (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Study the i-e pattern using the word 'slime' as an example	Worksheet #1: Slime Soup Recipe	Worksheet #2: Chanting Read chants aloud	List ways to identify whether or not certain foods are fresh.
	Jack Likes Jam (<i>People Stories</i>)	Brainstorm synonyms and antonyms for the word 'like'.	Write a menu for a 'Weekend Food Feast' using your favourite foods.	Worksheet #2: Ways to Stop Crying	Worksheet #1: Funny Foods
	The Bogeyman (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #2: Verbs	Write an acrostic poem using the word 'chocolate'.	Role-play the story to the class.	Worksheet #1: Sequencing
	Bubble Gum (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Study double letter words such as 'bubble'	Worksheet #1: Writing Poetry	Present a slide show comparing foods that are 'good' and 'bad' for you.	Worksheet #2: Bubble Gum and a Bird's Eye View
	Kafoops' Zoo (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Use the title to discuss apostrophes of possession. Worksheet #2: Study the Signs	Worksheet #4: The Visitor's Book	In pairs, list the animals from Kafoops' Zoo and research the foods they should be eating.	Worksheet #1: Pretty Funny Floor plan Worksheet #3: The Amazing, Unmissable Excursion!
	Delicious! (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Study the 'c' sound in the word 'delicious'	Imagine the family in the story found out what they really ate. Write the end of the story.	Group Discussion: Create a mind map using the word 'famine' as the topic.	Worksheet #1: Family Dinner Favourites
	Spaghetti Face (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Compare 'ace' words as in 'face' with 'ase' words as in 'chase'	Write a narrative that uses a food in the title of the story.	Present an oral report about Australian bush tucker.	Worksheet #1: Poster Design
	Instant Spew (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Worksheet #2: Words and Their Meaning	Write your own recipe for 'Instant Spew'.	Small Group Discussion- Worksheet #1: Using Initiative	Create an informative chart about the digestive system.
	Maggots (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Worksheet #2: Descriptive Words	Design an advertisement for a truly disgusting food.	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Just Desserts	Create a poster about the importance of food hygiene.
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Topic: Food

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Make a list of foods and use the words as a spelling list e.g. lettuce, tomato, potato, pumpkin, celery, capsicum, apple, banana, spaghetti, chicken, eggs, milk, cheese, yoghurt etc ◇ Identify the rule for making the words tomato and potato plural (add 'es'). Apply the rule to other nouns ending in 'o' e.g. avocado, echo and domino. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing knowledge of capital letters and full stops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Design a flowchart of the events from one of the online stories. ◇ Write a detailed description of one or more of the characters from one of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>Too Much Food!</i> <i>The Party in the Fridge</i> <i>The Crazy Pineapple</i> ◇ Record the food eaten over the period of a week and write a reflection about the nutritional value of the meals overall. ◇ Write a poem about your favourite foods. ◇ Write an exposition text using the topic: <i>Junk food should not be advertised on TV during children's programs.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Act out one of the online stories to the class. ◇ In small co-operative groups, students classify a variety of foods using self-assigned headings such as fruit, vegetables and dairy foods. Present results to the class. ◇ Create a slide show presentation about the types of foods required for the nutritional benefit of different parts of the body e.g. Bones require calcium which can be absorbed from dairy products such as milk, cheese and yoghurt. ◇ In pairs or small groups, present a TV commercial advertising a healthy new food on the market.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Bell and the Bushranger (Children in History) – *Create a menu for a person living on the goldfields in the 1850s*
- ◇ 'Lollyland' puzzle (Puzzle Palace) – *complete the puzzle.*



Theme: Friendship

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Loose Undies (Comedy Capers)	Write sentences that show the difference between the words loose and lose.	Write the instructions for a game you love to play with your friends.	Role-play embarrassing situations showing how good friends support each other.	Worksheet #1: Uncontrollable Clothes!
	Little Duck Wants to Play (Animal Antics)	Worksheet #2: Describing Characters	Write a poem where each line begins with the opening phrase 'Friendship is...'	Small group activity: Worksheet #1: Friendship Matters	Design a story map of the main events in the story.
	The Wizard's Staff (Fantasy Forest)	Use the title of the story to study apostrophes of possession	Worksheet #1: Magical Imaginings (Activity 1)	Worksheet #1: Magical Imaginings (Activity 2)	Suggest ways that Daniel can encourage the wizard to be friendlier.
2	William's Red Rocket (Adventureland)	Worksheet #2: Believe in Yourself!	Describe William's feelings about Bradley at the beginning of the story compared to the end.	In a small group, write a collective description of the meaning of 'teamwork'.	Worksheet #1: Design a Billy Cart
	Don't Mess With Jess (People Stories)	Worksheet #1: Proper Nouns	Worksheet #2: Unlikely Friendships	Interview a parent or teacher about how they met their oldest/closest friend.	Write a criteria chart for comparing different personality traits of friends e.g. messy/neat.
	Hiccups! (Comedy Capers)	Brainstorm words with a silent 'c' as in science e.g. scene, scissors.	Write about a time when a friend tried to help you.	Worksheet #1: Help Stop the Hiccups. Role-play ideas to class.	Conduct an experiment with a friend about static electricity.
3	One Wish (Fantasy Forest)	Worksheet #1: Rhyming	Rex's friends didn't believe him. Write about the importance of being honest to your friends.	Survey your friends about what they would wish for if they met a genie.	Worksheet #2: Making Wishes
	The Fancy Dress Fiend (Mystery Stories)	Worksheet #3: Mysteriously Missing Meanings	Brooke was mean to some of her friends. Suggest ways she can make it up to them.	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Who Wore What?	Worksheet #2: Fancy Dress Your Friends



Topic: *Friendship*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate a spelling list relating to the qualities of a good friend e.g. kind, trustworthy, generous, caring, friendly, supportive, reliable, honest, loyal etc. ◇ Write synonyms and antonyms for each of the words in spelling list. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing use of full stops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Create a sociogram about one of the online stories describing the relationship between the characters. ◇ Use characters from one or more of the online stories to create 'Who Am I?' questions.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>My Best Friend is an Alien!</i> <i>Friends Forever</i> ◇ Write a recount using the topic: <i>The Day I Met My Best Friend</i> ◇ Write a letter to a friend explaining the reasons why they are special. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Compose poems about friendship and share orally with the class. ◇ Role play scenarios of friendliness as compared to unfriendliness and the impact of each e.g. a student starts at a new school, a classmate is in hospital. ◇ Interview a friend asking them questions about their family, hobbies, favourite things, future aspirations etc.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Pirate's Treasure (Puppet Plays) – *Discuss conflict resolution and role play examples*
- ◇ The Happy Prince (Graphic Classics) – *How did the swallow display qualities of a true friend?*
- ◇ Cartoon Craft (Zip's Make and Do – hard level) – *watch the video and try making your own cartoons of your friends*
- ◇ 'A Poison Tree' (Rhyme Time) – *read and discuss the 'moral' of the poem.*

Theme: *Living in a Community*

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Starkers (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Study silent 'b' as in 'climb'	Worksheet #2: It Gets Worse	Role play situations which require emergency services and involve dialling 000.	Worksheet #1: View From a Tree
	Who Will Save Fluffy? (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	List 'wh' words such as when, why etc.	Recount a time when a member of the community helped you or your family.	Small Group Activity Worksheet #1: Who Tried What?	Interview grandparents about their community involvement.
	The Exterminator (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Brainstorm occupations in the community ending in 'or' and 'er'.	Worksheet #1: One Problem Leads to Another!	Act the story out to the class or perform the story as Reader's Theatre.	Worksheet #2: There's More Than One Way to Kill a Mouse
2	Subway Hero (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Exclamation Marks	Worksheet #4: Positive Impressions	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Who is Your Hero?	Worksheet #3: Design a Medal
	Jamie's Secret (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: The Right Words	Worksheet #4: Great Teachers	Worksheet #2: Recalling Words	Worksheet #3: Keeping Secrets
	The Caped Crusader (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Write words from the text in comparative/superlative form: brave/braver/bravest.	List five occupations helpful to the community explaining reasons for each.	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Heroic Mishaps	Worksheet #2: Invent Your Own Super-hero!
3	Time to Own Up (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Plural Study – words ending in 'f' e.g. thief/thieves	Imagine you are a private detective. Design an advertisement for your services.	Worksheet #1: You Need an Alibi	Worksheet #2: Stolen Goods
	Crash (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Pronoun Hunt	Worksheet #3: Retell the Story	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Before and After	Worksheet #4: First Aid Kit
	Two Hours From Town (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Meddling with Metaphors	Worksheet #3: Outback Emergency	Small group activity Worksheet #2: A Different Kind of School	Complete a research project about community services available to people in remote areas.



Topic: *Living in a Community*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate a spelling list of names of buildings that provide community services such as: fire station, library, town hall, hospital, police station, school, church, kindergarten, medical centre and post office. ◇ Identify an example of each of the buildings from the spelling list as a proper noun e.g. St John’s Hospital. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing sentence structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Design a certificate of appreciation for one of the characters from the online stories. ◇ Create a chart that displays a timeline of events from one of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>Police Emergency!</i> <i>My Life as a Fire Fighter</i> <i>The Day the Ambulance came to School</i> ◇ Complete the statement: <i>When I grow up, I would like to help the community by...</i> ◇ Make a list of interview questions for a member of the emergency services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Perform a song/play/poetry reading for a local hospital /aged care facility/ kindergarten. ◇ Present an oral report about the importance of a chosen community service. ◇ Invite a member of the emergency services to speak to the class. Prepare relevant questions in advance.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Bell and the Bushranger (Children in History) – *Identify the people in our community who help maintain law and order*
- ◇ ‘The Pied Piper of Hamelin’ (Rhyme Time) – *read the poem and talk about what the Mayor and Corporation did wrong, and what responsibility or rule they broke.*



Theme: Mapping

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Good Dog (Adventureland)	Worksheet #1: Crazy Contractions	Study a weather map from the newspaper and describe its markings.	Partner Activity: Design a map of an island where you would like to have a picnic.	Worksheet #2: The Key to Mapping!
	Buried Treasure (Adventureland)	Worksheet #1: Adverbs	Worksheet #2: Writing Directions	Present a poster to the class showing the symbols used for buildings on a street directory.	Worksheet #3: Undercover Words
	Kay Cottee's Adventures (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: A Dash of this and a Dash of that	Worksheet #2: Dear Diary	Orally retell Kay Cottee's journey using a map of the world.	Worksheet #3: Australians of the Year
2	Don't Mess With Jess (People Stories)	Worksheet #1: Proper Nouns	Worksheet #2: Unlikely Friendships	Present an oral report about Uluru or another famous Australian landmark.	Identify the states, territories and capital cities on a map of Australia.
	The Pirate's Prize (Adventureland)	Use the title to discuss the use of apostrophes of possession	Worksheet #2: Luke Meets Blackbeard	Design a treasure map and write an accompanying rhyme to describe the treasure's location.	Worksheet #1: Map Luke's Adventure
	The Eye of the Idol (Adventureland)	Worksheet #1: To, Too or Two?	Worksheet #2: Word Switch Draw the map to accompany your new inscription	Worksheet #4: Interview Lucky Luke Role-play interview with a partner.	Worksheet #3: Design a Front Cover
3	No Second Chances (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Proper Nouns	Worksheet #3: The Great Divide	Partner Activity: Worksheet #2: Adventure Sports	Identify the main mountain ranges on a map of Australia.



Topic: Mapping

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate a spelling list related to mapping for students to learn using words such as: key, legend, ocean, city, state, territory, isobar, symbol, landmark and location.
- ◇ Put each of the words from the spelling list in sentences that display the use of speech marks.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing use of capital letters.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Use one or more of the online stories to write descriptions of the characters in the format of a 'Who Am I?'
- ◇ Design a front cover for one of the online stories

Writing

- ◇ You find a strange map and X marks the spot. Write a narrative about what happens next.
- ◇ Imagine you are embarking on the trip of a lifetime around Australia. Use a map of Australia to write a diarised account of your journey.
- ◇ Use a local street directory to write a list of instructions about how to travel to school from your home.

Oral Language

- ◇ In pairs, study a map of the world identifying the top five places you would like to visit stating reasons for each.
- ◇ Present an oral information report about the equator, the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer.
- ◇ In small groups, present a slide show presentation about the continents of the world.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Secret Journey (Children in History) – *Identify the Murray River and the towns named in the story on a map of Australia*
- ◇ Aladdin (Graphic Classics) – *On a map of the world, identify the main desert areas*
- ◇ Pirate Island (Choose Your Own Adventure) – *Draw a map of Pirate Island*
- ◇ 'The Princess in the Tower' and 'Pirate Island' (Puzzle Palace) – *complete the maze map in the puzzles.*

Theme: My Family

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	The Big Sister (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Silent Letters	List ten things you can do to help a sick family member feel better.	Write a poem about why you love you family and read it to the class.	Worksheet #2: Design a Family Crest
	Jack Likes Jam (<i>People Stories</i>)	Brainstorm synonyms and antonyms for the word 'like'.	Write about a time when you helped a member of your family.	Worksheet #2: Ways to Stop Crying	Worksheet #1: Funny Foods
	Hug for Harriet (<i>People Stories</i>)	Define a 'proper noun' and list some examples.	Write the instructions to your favourite game.	Worksheet #1: Mood Survey	Worksheet #2: Finding Her Mood
	Tortured by Fairies (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Study the rule: Change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'.	Worksheet #2: Write your own story or verse	Play the party game 'Bobs and Statues'.	Worksheet #1: Birthday Party Word Find
	Accused (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	List rhyming words for 'cake' and put each in a sentence.	Make a list of ten of your family rules.	Present a short speech about the importance of being honest.	Worksheet #1: Guilty Feelings
	The Old House (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1 Sneaky Synonyms	Write about the different ways older siblings look after younger family members.	Worksheet #2 Write a Sensory Poem Read poems aloud.	Worksheet #3 Feelings Profile
	Talent Quest (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Identify rules for adding 'ed' using words from the story.	Worksheet #3: Be Who You Want to Be	Worksheet #4: An Overnight Success	Worksheets #1 & #2: Inventing Ideas Guess What's In Here?
	Sitting on Sophie (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Worksheet #1: Add a Letter	Write a recount using the topic: The Best Christmas Day Ever!	Worksheet #3: Present clock design to the class demonstrating its sound.	Worksheet #2: Conduct a class survey about their favourite hobbies.
	Midnight Raiders (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Worksheet #1: Checking For Homophones	Rewrite this story as a play script.	Act the story out to the class.	Worksheet #2: Pack a Summer Suitcase
	Meg's Mum Can't Fly (<i>People Stories</i>)	Use the title to discuss the use of apostrophes of possession.	Worksheet #2: Different Ways to Fly	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Attempts to Fly.	Worksheet #3: Vocabulary Building
Wonderfully Wacky Walnut Trick (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Worksheet #1: Word Play	Write a card or letter to your grandparents telling them why they are special.	Perform a magic trick from Zip's Make and Do on the Ziptales website.	Worksheet #2: Magic Spells	



Topic: *My Family*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate a family-related spelling list for students to learn using words such as: family, mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, aunty, uncle, cousin, niece, nephew. ◇ Write the plural form of words ending in 'y' e.g. family – families, aunty – aunties. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing knowledge of high frequency words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Complete a character profile about one of the characters from the online stories using the headings: Name, Other Family Members/Pets, Characteristics, Likes and Dislikes. ◇ Design a story map of one of the online stories. ◇ Create a chart that displays the similarities and differences of a family from one of the online stories to your own family.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write recounts using the topics: <i>The Best Day I Ever Spent With...(e.g. Mum, Grandpa)</i> <i>My Family's Favourite Place</i> <i>The Family Holiday I'll Never Forget</i> ◇ Write a narrative using the topic <i>The Adventurous Family</i>. ◇ Write the recipe of the family's favourite dish. ◇ Design a family tree. ◇ Complete a project about the country of origin of family ancestors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Hold a 'family morning tea' where students introduce their visiting family members to the class. ◇ Present an oral report about the meaning and/or history of family names. ◇ Role-play real-life situations where family conflicts need to be resolved. ◇ Display and share information about items that have special significance to individual families.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Secret Journey (Children in History) – *Describe the relationship between Billy and his father*
- ◇ Runaway (Children in History) – *Discuss how families can support each other through difficult times*
- ◇ Zip's Make and Do – *Create cartoon faces of your family using Cartoon Craft (hard level)*
- ◇ Puppet Making Workshop – *Present a puppet play using 'a script for sock puppets #3'*

Theme: Mythical Creatures

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	The Bogyman (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #2 Verbs	Write a detailed description of the bogyman.	Act out the story to the class.	Worksheet #1 Sequencing
	The Billy Goats Gruff (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1 Amazing Adjectives	Write about what you think happened to the troll.	Worksheet #2 Actions and Reactions Role-play each to the class.	Worksheet #3 Snapshot of a story scene
	The Bravest Knight (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Worksheet #2 Could You be a Knight?	Worksheet #1 Fearful Encounters	Worksheet #3 Knight Jokes	Worksheet #4 Artist's Impression
2	Welcome to Fairyland (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Locate the compound words in the story.	Worksheet #1 Great Beginnings	Partner Activity Worksheet #2 The Cream-Coloured Egg	Worksheet #3 Pictures in Your Mind and on the Paper
	Three Wishes (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Add 'es' to make words plural e.g. wishes	Worksheet #2 Give Them Some Help!	Read the story aloud as Reader's Theatre.	Worksheet #1 Wishing Rules
	I'm Not Afraid (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1 Compound Words	Worksheet #3 Write Your Own Play	Perform the play written in the 'Writing' session.	Worksheet #2 Pack Your Bags
	Medusa (<i>Myths & Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1 Similar Synonyms	Worksheet #4 Ancient Gods & Goddesses Write a short report about each.	Worksheet #2 Who Am I? Read aloud for others to guess	Worksheet #3 The Road to Victory
	Minotaur & the Maze (<i>Myths & Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1 A'maze'ing Spelling Rules	Worksheet #3 Write Your Own Myth	Oral Response: Would you be suitable food for the minotaur?	Worksheet #2 Can You Speak Greek?
	The Pearl Dragon (<i>Myths & Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1 Choosing Conjunctions	Worksheet #4 Tampering with Titles	Partner Activity: Worksheet #2 Questions and Answers	Worksheet #3 What Would You Do?
3	The Toy Dragon (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #2 Adding 'ed'	Write a narrative about the toy dragon's next adventure.	Partner Activity: Design a toy dragon for good children.	Worksheet #1 True or False?
	The Twelve Labours of Hercules (<i>Myth & Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1 Finding 'punny' Words	Worksheet #4 Stepmothers: Nasty or Nice?	Worksheet #2 Character Descriptions Present creature to the class.	Worksheet #3 Crime and Punishment
	Eliza & the Troll (<i>Myths & Legends</i>)	Study the prefix 'un' as in Eliza returned unharmed.	Imagine Eliza does not return home. Write an alternative ending.	Worksheet #1 Feelings Profile	Compare the troll in the story to trolls from other myths & legends.
	The Luck Child (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1 Amazing Adverbs	Worksheet #3 Bad Luck, Good Luck	Partner Activity: Worksheet #2 What Comes Next?	Create a mythical monster using parts of other animals.



Topic: *Mythical Creatures*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate a spelling list related to the topic for students to learn using words such as: creature, monster, troll, dragon, fairy, wizard, witch, unicorn and elf. ◇ Write each of the words from the spelling list in their plural form. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the spelling of high frequency words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Complete a profile about one of the mythical creatures from the online stories using the headings: Name, Appearance, Characteristics, Likes and Dislikes. ◇ Design sociograms about the relationships between the characters from one or more of the online stories ◇ Create a mind map using the topic: Mythical Creatures
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>Fairies in the Garden</i> <i>The Lonely Dragon</i> <i>The Curse of the Good-Looking Troll</i> <i>The Unicorn Who Couldn't Fly</i> ◇ A mythical creature appears by mistake in the present. Write about its adventures. ◇ Write a descriptive poem about an encounter with a mythical creature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Hold a 'dress up' day where students come dressed as a chosen mythical creature. Each student presents an oral report about their costume and why they chose to dress as that creature. ◇ Students write a detailed 'Who Am I?' using a chosen mythical creature and read it aloud to the class. ◇ In small groups, role play one of the online stories to the class.

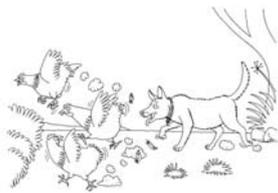
Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Sea Monster (Puppet Plays) – *Research modern day mythical creatures such as the Loch Ness Monster and Yeti*
- ◇ Beauty and the Beast (Graphic Classics) – *Describe the character of Beast and compare/contrast to other mythical creatures*
- ◇ The Castle of Screams (Choose Your Own Adventure) – *Describe and illustrate the mythical creatures found in the story*
- ◇ Aladdin (Graphic Classics) – *Write a 'wish list' you would request of a genie*
- ◇ 'Mythical Creatures' and 'The Princess in the Tower' (Puzzle Palace)
- ◇ 'Jabberwocky' (Rhyme Time)

Theme: On The Farm

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Bill and the Kitten (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Study the blend 'en' as in kitten and hen	Use a farm animal to complete the activity from Worksheet #1: The Pet's Perspective	Use a farm animal to complete the activity from Worksheet #2: Using Drama	Create a detailed poster about the life cycle of a hen.
	Good Dog (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Crazy Contractions	Write an animal report about a dog that would make a fantastic farm dog.	Partner Activity: Define 'chore' and make a list of chores on a farm.	Worksheet #2: The Key to Mapping!
	Old Minty (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #2: Word Find	Write an imaginative recount about a day in the life of a cattle dog.	Present an oral report about farm safety.	Worksheet #1: Emergency Situations
2	Rip Van Winkle (<i>Myths and Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1: Is it 's' or 'c'?	Rip Van Winkle was not a good farmer. Write a list of the qualities of a good farmer.	In pairs, role play an interview with Rip Van Winkle using Worksheet #3: So Many Questions	Worksheet #2: Feelings Profile Worksheet #4: Who Said It?
	Why do Dogs Sniff Tails? (<i>Myths and Legends</i>)	Study the use of question marks.	Use a farm animal to complete Worksheet #1: Write Your Own Myth	Orally retell the story to the class using voice projection and intonation.	Create a chart about farm animals describing the importance of each.
3	Dead Meat (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Study the different sounding 'ea' blend as in 'dead' and as in 'meat'	Worksheet #2: Defining Descriptions	Worksheet #1: What Happened Next?	Identify the benefits of having goats on a farm.
	Two Hours From Town (<i>People Stories</i>)	Identify the differences between the homophones two, too and to.	Worksheet #3: Outback Emergency	Co-operative Group Activity Worksheet #2: A Different Kind of School	Worksheet #1: Meddling with Metaphors
	Mad Tom (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #2: Know Your Meanings	Worksheet #4: Writing an Argument	Worksheet #1: What Do You Think? Share responses with the class.	Worksheet #3: Click Go the Shears! Draw a Map.
	The Graveyard Ghost (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Vocab Match	Write about the adventures of a runaway farm animal.	Partner Activity: Design an escape proof enclosure for Farmer Brown's runaway goat.	Worksheet #2: Feeling Scared



Topic: On The Farm

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Make a list of farm animals and use these words as a spelling list e.g. chicken, rooster, cow, bull, cattle dog, horse, pig, goat, rabbit and sheep.
- ◇ Write the nouns for the names of the homes of each animal in the spelling list e.g. chicken-coop, horse-stable.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the use of full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Design a story map of one of the online stories.
- ◇ Create a 3D model of one of the scenes from one of the online stories.
- ◇ Write ten true or false statements about one of the online stories for a partner to answer.

Writing

- ◇ Write narratives using the following topics:
The Cow Who Wouldn't Give Milk
Little Lamb Lost
A Most Unusual Farm Animal
- ◇ Write an animal report about a farm animal. Include in the report: Classification, Description, Feeding Habits, Breeding Habits and why they make a good farm animal.
- ◇ Write an information report about the impact of natural disasters such as droughts and floods on the farming community.
- ◇ Design an information booklet about how to care for a chosen farm animal.

Oral Language

- ◇ Visit a local farm or invite a mobile farm to the school. Students present an oral report about their experience.
- ◇ Choose a poem about a farm animal and read it aloud to the class.
- ◇ Conduct a debate using the topic – *Country life is better than city life.*
- ◇ Write one of the narratives listed in the 'Writing Tasks' in a big book format and read it to a younger class.
- ◇ Interview an adult who grew up on a farm. Compose a list of questions pertaining to their experiences of farm life such as work responsibilities, memorable events and positive and negative aspects of living on a farm. Share the responses with the class.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Zip's Make and Do – *Make farm animal finger puppets (easy level)*
- ◇ 'Amazing Animals' and 'Brilliant Birds' (Puzzle Palace)
- ◇ 'The House that Jack built' (Rhyme Time)



Theme: Pets

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Crying in the Dark (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Study 'ar' words (as in dark)	Worksheet #1: Lost Property Procedure	Read the story aloud using sound effects.	Worksheet #2: Expressions
	Mr Moogle is Missing (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Identify common abbreviations e.g. Mr, Dr, St etc	Worksheet #1: Peculiar Pets	In a small group, identify the many ways a pet needs to be cared for.	Design a 'Missing' poster for Mr Moogle.
	What's That Smell? (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Use the title to study the use of question marks.	Worksheet #1: Who's To Blame?	In pairs, brainstorm ways to make King smell nicer.	Create a special perfume for a smelly dog.
	Bill & the Kitten (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	List the names of baby animals.	Worksheet #1: The Pet's Perspective	Worksheet #2: Using Drama	How did the kitten try to help Bill? Identify ways pets help their owners.
	Peabrain (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Worksheet #2: Adding 'ing'	Rewrite the story from Peabrain's point of view.	Present an oral report about peacocks.	Worksheet #1: Design a Comic Strip
	Fishy Business (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Scan the story for compound words e.g. goldfish	Worksheet #1: Pets Behaving Badly	Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having a pet fish.	Using a shoebox, create a 3D diorama of the inside of a fish tank.
2	The Bread Thief (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Investigate the rule 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'.	Worksheet #2: Holiday Fun	In pairs, design a device that locates missing dogs.	Worksheet #1: Lost Pets
	Run, Roger, Run (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Study the use of commas.	Write about a pet that you would like to get as a birthday present.	Worksheet #2: Suspicious Suspects	Worksheet #1: Portrait of a Rat
	Cookie, the Shoe Chewing Dog (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Identify blends that make the sound oe as in shoe e.g. flew, blue, you, through	Write a narrative using the title: The Dog Who Couldn't be Trained	Small Group Activity Worksheet #1: Caring for Your Dog	Worksheet #2: Solving Problems
	Extra Lucky (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Study the prefix 'un' e.g. lucky/unlucky	Worksheet #3: Losing a Pet	Worksheet #2: 'Guess Who?' Competition	Worksheet #1: Pet Photos
3	Snow White, Super Rat (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Make a list of words that use the word 'super' as a base word e.g. supermarket	Write a narrative using the topic: The Day I Took My Pet _____ to School.	Partner Activity: Worksheet #1: Use Your Imagination!	Describe the thoughts of each character in the picture on the last page.
	Copy Frog (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Study the sound 'ph' as in 'trophy'	Worksheet #2: Pet Names and Habits Survey	Worksheet #1: Act Like Your Pet!	Worksheet #3: Pet Trophy



Topic: *Pets*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Make a list of the animals that class members have as pets and these words as a spelling list.
- ◇ Write collective nouns for each of the animals from the spelling list e.g. a flock of birds.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing sentence structure.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Design a comic strip of one of the online stories.
- ◇ Write a detailed description of one or more of the pet characters from the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write narratives using the following topics:
The Naughty Kitten
My Pet has Magical Powers!
The Lonely Puppy
The Fish Who Couldn't Swim
- ◇ Write an animal report about a chosen pet. Include in the report: Classification, Description, Feeding Habits, Breeding Habits and why they make a good pet.
- ◇ Design an information booklet about how to care for a chosen pet.

Oral Language

- ◇ Hold a 'Pet Day Parade' where students bring their pets to school. (Those without pets might bring an imaginative pet, such as a pet rock, or a picture of a pet they would like to have). Students introduce their pet to an audience and give a short oral speech about life with their pet.
- ◇ In pairs, construct a chart showing the advantages and disadvantages of owning certain pets.
- ◇ Retell one of the online stories as Reader's Theatre.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Zip's Make and Do – *Make Percy the Pup (medium level)*
- ◇ Study 'Old Mother Hubbard' and 'The Owl and the Pussycat' (Rhyme Time)
- ◇ Complete 'Amazing Animals' and 'Where's Coco?' (Puzzle Palace)

Theme: Rules & Responsibilities

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Dog Poo (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Study different 'oo' sounds: e.g. 'oo' as in poo and 'oo' as in book.	List five rules you should follow when walking near a roadway.	Anna didn't listen to Patrick. Play a game of Simon Says to test listening skills.	Worksheet #1: Research, Rules & Responsibilities
	Percy & Claude (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Worksheet #1: Word Study	Write about a time when you were rewarded for following the rules.	Present an oral report about why it is important to follow rules.	Worksheet #2: Getting Your Own Way
	The Frog Prince (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Questions Galore!	Worksheet #2: Design a Comic Strip	Role-play situations where promises are kept/broken discussing feelings involved.	Worksheet #3: Wanted – One Wicked Witch!
	The Attic (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Worksheet #2: Thesaurus Task	Worksheet #1: Writing Beginnings	Small Group Activity: Worksheet #3: Meaningful Morals	Draw a plan of your house listing some of the rules of each room.
	The Fool Fails (<i>Mystery Maze</i>)	Study the use and application of exclamation marks.	Write a recount about a time when you were punished for not following the rules.	Create a suitable punishment for Jenny. Explain the reason for the chosen punishment.	Worksheet #1: Do the Detective Work
2	Multiplying Mice (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Study words where 's' is not added to pluralise the word e.g. mouse/mice	Make a list of your responsibilities at home and at school.	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Magic Formulas 1	Worksheet #2: Magic Formulas 2
	The Twelve Dancing Princesses (<i>Fairy Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: What's That Word?	The princesses broke their father's rules. Write about a time when you broke a home rule.	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Let's Dance!	Worksheet #3: Disappearing Acts
	Gobwit (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Scan the text identifying the use of adjectives.	Worksheet #1: Tongue Twisters	Worksheet #2: Same Sound Sentences	Design a poster encouraging others to keep your school tidy.
3	Simon's Secret (<i>Yucky Yarns</i>)	Use the title to discuss the use and application of apostrophes of possession.	Write a narrative about a teacher with unusual classroom rules.	Small Group Activity Worksheet #1: Getting Caught	Worksheet #2: Interesting Inventions
	Crash (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Pronoun Hunt	Worksheet #3: Retell the Story	Small Group Activity: Worksheet #2: Before and After	Worksheet #4: First Aid Kit



Topic: Rules & Responsibilities

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Generate a spelling list related to the topic for students to learn using words such as: rules, safety, reward, follow, responsible, responsibility, punishment, school, discipline and important. ◇ Write each list word in a sentence that requires a question mark. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing punctuation knowledge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Retell one of the online stories as a comic strip. ◇ Write a detailed description of one of the characters from the online stories. ◇ Write about the coda or 'moral' (lesson to be learned) from one or more of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>My School, My Rules!</i> <i>The Land with No Rules</i> <i>The Day I Lost My Baby Sister</i> ◇ You are responsible for a putting on a circus performance; design a program outlining each spectacular event. ◇ Write a letter to your teacher requesting responsibility for one of the classroom duties stating reasons why you would perform your role well. ◇ Write a play script about a child who learns a serious lesson when he/she did not follow the rules OR rewrite one of the online stories as a play script. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Present short oral speeches to younger classes promoting the importance of following the school rules. ◇ Conduct a school fundraising activity day where each member of class takes a role for which they are responsible. Discuss the success of the day after students complete a self-evaluation about their oral communication skills stemming from their role of responsibility. ◇ Invite a guest speaker who is employed in a job with a high level of responsibility such as a doctor or police officer to speak to the class. Students formulate relevant questions to ask the guest speaker.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Octopus (Puppet Plays) – *Discuss our responsibility to help others in need*
- ◇ The Bell and the Bushranger (Children in History) – *What are our roles and responsibilities as members of a community?*
- ◇ Beauty and the Beast (Graphic Classics) - *Discuss the importance of keeping promises*
- ◇ 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' (Rhyme Time)

Theme: Safety

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Starkers (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Study silent 'b' as in climb	Worksheet #2: It Gets Worse	Conduct a playground walk identifying safe/unsafe play areas.	Worksheet #1: View From a Tree
	Loo Blues (<i>Comedy Capers</i>)	Explore blends that make the 'oo' sound e.g. ew, ue.	Worksheet #1: Story Starters	Role-play what you would do if you got stuck in the toilet.	Design an invention that would open a door that is stuck.
	Old Minty (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #2: Word Find	Write an explanation about how to treat snakebites.	Demonstrate the steps of treating snakebites to the class.	Worksheet #1: Emergency Situations
	The Great Houdini (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Comparing Adjectives	Worksheet #3: Learn a Magic Trick	Partner Activity: Illustrate & label equipment required for safe underwater exploration.	Worksheet #2: Photographer for a Day
2	Toffee In Trouble (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Worksheet #1: All About Adjectives	Create a brochure about pool safety.	Present an oral report about a place you feel safe stating your reasons.	Invent a device that all pools should have to save people in trouble.
	Boris, Bonnie & Greedy (<i>Animal Antics</i>)	Brainstorm different types of fires classifying each as safe (eg fireplace) or unsafe (eg bushfire).	Worksheet #3: Newspaper Article for the 'Pet Gazette'	Students demonstrate fire safety techniques such as Get down low and go, go go! & Stop, Drop & Roll.	Worksheet #1: From the Beginning Worksheet #2: Sign Making
	The Ghost Train (<i>Scary Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Adjectives	Worksheet #2: Writing a Recipe	Small group activity Worksheet #3: Writing Rules	Design a poster about the dangers of electricity.
3	Crash! (<i>People Stories</i>)	Worksheet #1: Pronoun Hunt	Worksheet #3: Retell the Story	Discuss safe/unsafe behaviour whilst travelling in a vehicle on a roadway.	Worksheet #2: Before and After Worksheet #4: First Aid Kit



Topic: *Safety*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate a spelling list of compound words that use the base word 'safety' e.g. safety belt, safety catch, safety net, safety pin etc
- ◇ Write each of the words from the spelling list in a sentence that uses an exclamation mark
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the student's working knowledge of phonics.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Create a time line of events using one of the online stories.
- ◇ Write true or false statements for one of the online stories for a partner to answer.
- ◇ Create a comparison chart showing the similarities and differences of the main characters from one of the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write an procedural text about a chosen safety procedure
- ◇ Choose one of the online stories to rewrite as a play script.
- ◇ Write an exposition text about safety issues e.g. Children should wear bicycle helmets at all times when riding a bike, All pedestrian crossings should have traffic lights.
- ◇ Design an advertisement for a new device that will assist in keeping people safe.

Oral Language

- ◇ In pairs, identify areas around the school that require attention with regard to safety issues.
- ◇ Invite a guest speaker to instruct the class about first aid procedures.
- ◇ In small groups, illustrate the playground safety rules and present to a younger class in the school for display in their classroom.

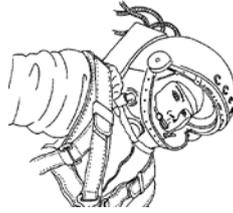
Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Runaway (Children in History) – *Identify safety precautions when dealing with transport vehicles such as cars, bicycles and trains*
- ◇ 'Mulga Bill's Bicycle' (Rhyme Time) – *Discuss what Bill did wrong.*
- ◇ 'The Skateboard Terror' (Puzzle Palace) – *What **should** Sammy have done in the shopping centre?*

Theme: Space

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Chalk and Cheese (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Use the title of the story to study the 'ch' blend	Worksheet #1: Rocket Fuel Recipe	Worksheet #2: Disguise an Alien Orally present responses to class.	Use recycled materials to create a model of an alien from outer space.
	Galaxy Chase (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Galaxy Spell Check	Worksheet #4: Space Narratives	Partner Activity – Worksheet #2: Story Sequencing	Worksheet #3: Character Profiles
2	Witch Upon A Star (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Worksheet #3: Descriptive Words	Write an explanation about why stars shine.	Worksheet #2: Wish Upon a Star Share responses with the class.	Worksheet #1: Design Your Sign
3	Blast Off! (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #2: Space Talk	Write an imaginative recount about your own adventure in space.	Worksheet #3: The Speech Read speeches aloud.	Worksheet #1: Research Space Travel



Topic: Space

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar	Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Make a list of space related words for use as a spelling list e.g. rocket, alien, planet, star, comet, galaxy, moon, sun, meteor and astronaut. ◇ Write each spelling list word in a sentence which demonstrates an example of a contraction e.g. The astronaut couldn't wait to travel into space. ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing knowledge of contractions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities: <i>Fill the Gaps</i> <i>Multiple Choice</i> ◇ Design a cause and effect chart for one of the online stories showing the relationship between certain events and the effects they caused. ◇ Create a diorama of one of the significant events from one of the online stories.
Writing	Oral Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Write narratives using the following topics: <i>A Journey to Outer Space</i> <i>My Best Friend the Alien</i> <i>The Frightened Astronaut</i> ◇ Write a report about an imaginary space creature. Include in the report: Name, Appearance, Origin, Likes, Dislikes and Family Members. ◇ Write an acrostic poem using any of the planets. Use each letter to write something interesting about the planet. ◇ Create a FACT FILE about someone who has been in space. ◇ Construct a timeline about the history of space travel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Conduct a trivia quiz using questions about the solar system. ◇ Present an oral report about a chosen space related phenomena e.g. black holes, the Southern Cross, a solar eclipse. ◇ Design a book suitable for a student from a younger class using the topic 'SPACE'. Books are then read aloud to the younger class. ◇ Students work together in pairs to create a 'Planet Information Table'. Facts for each planet could include: Type of Surface, Description of the Atmosphere, Number of Moons, Average Temperature, Length of day & Length of year.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Zip's Make and Do – *Create a model of the solar system using the Christmas Ball project (hard level) as planets.*
- ◇ 'Space', 'Star Ship', 'Space Race' (Puzzle Palace) – *complete the puzzles.*



Theme: The Great Outdoors

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Starkers (Comedy Capers)	Study the blend 'ar' using the title of the story as an example.	Worksheet #1: View From a Tree	Small Group Activity: Brainstorm favourite outdoor activities.	Worksheet #2: It Gets Worse
	Spew (Yucky Yarns)	Study the blend 'ew'	Write a timetable for a fantastic school day spent in the great outdoors.	Worksheet #1: Classroom Catastrophe	List the advantages and disadvantages of spending a whole school day outdoors.
	The Luckiest Catch (People Stories)	Worksheet #1: Word Brainstorm	Worksheet #2: Who Said It?	Present an oral report about a great outdoor activity such as fishing.	Worksheet #3: Sea Creatures
	Kay Cottee's Adventures (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: A Dash of This and a Dash of That...	Worksheet #2: Dear Diary...	In pairs, design and create a model of an unsinkable boat.	Worksheet #3: Australians of the Year
2	Snake! (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Studying Suffixes	Write an adventure story about a terrifying camping trip.	Worksheet #2: Body Language	Worksheet #3: Research Project
	The Hitchhiker (Scary Stories)	Study the blend 'tch' as in 'hitch'	Write a recount using the title: The Best Holiday Ever!	Worksheet #1: Jessica meets the Hitchhiker Share responses.	Design a brochure for an ideal holiday in the great outdoors.
	The Battered Bully (Mystery Maze)	Worksheet #1: Crossword	Worksheet #2: School Camp!	Partner Activity: Write an itinerary for the best school camp ever.	Research the history of your favourite outdoor sport/hobby/activity.
	Meg's Mum Can't Fly (People Stories)	Worksheet #3: Vocabulary Building	Write a story using the topic If I Could Fly...	Partner Activity Worksheet #1: Attempts to Fly.	Worksheet #2: Different Ways To Fly
3	Mad Tom (Scary Stories)	Worksheet #2: Know Your Meanings	Worksheet #4: Country or City – Which do You Prefer?	Worksheet #1: What Do You Think? Share responses with the class.	Worksheet #3: Click Go the Shears! Draw a Map.
	The Garden of Enchantments (Fairy Tales)	Worksheet #1: Who Owns It?	Worksheet #3: Searching Through Time	Interview someone who loves gardening.	Worksheet #2: Character Feelings



Topic: *The Great Outdoors*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate a spelling list for students to learn using words related to outdoor endeavours such as: camping, fishing, rock climbing, parachuting, rowing, gardening, football, netball, cricket, volleyball and swimming.
- ◇ Identify rules for adding 'ing' to words ending in 'e' (e.g. parachuting) and ending with a vowel/consonant blend (e.g. swimming)
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing the use of speech marks.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Record ten main events from one of the online stories and describe the feelings of the main characters as each event unfolds.
- ◇ Write a synopsis for one of the online stories.
- ◇ Write an alternative ending for one of the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write explanation texts describing how to complete an outdoor activity e.g. *How to Catch a Fish, How to Ride a Skateboard.*
- ◇ Write an exposition using the title '*Children should spend more time outdoors.*'
- ◇ Write a sensory poem about an experience in the great outdoors (e.g. a rainforest, climbing a mountain, sailing on the ocean). To write a sensory poem, each line begins with the following introductions: I see... I hear... I smell... I taste... I feel... and at least ten words must be used for each line.

Oral Language

- ◇ Hold a 'Great Outdoors Expo' where students aim to encourage other students in the school to try their favourite outdoor activity. Students can set up their own information stall and provide pamphlets and advice about their chosen endeavour.
- ◇ In small co-operative groups, discuss and record essential items necessary to take on a camping trip to the outback e.g. clothes, food/water, first aid and equipment/tools. Ensure limitations are placed on number of items and students explain reasons for their choices when reporting back to the class.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Make the Plunging Parachute (Zip's Make and Do – Easy level)
- ◇ Digital Documentaries – Secret Journey (Children in History) – *Write about how children in the 1890s enjoyed the great outdoors.*
- ◇ 'The Rainbow', 'The Wind' and 'The Man from Snowy River' (Rhyme Time)
- ◇ 'Gone Camping', 'Jungle Jitters' and 'Pirate Island' (Puzzle Palace)

Theme: The Ocean

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Castaway (True Tales)	Use the title to study compound words.	Write a diary for Alexander Selkirk for his first week on the island.	Role play the interaction between the men using Worksheet #2: The Rescue	Worksheet #1: The Island
	The Luckiest Catch (People Stories)	Worksheet #1: Word Brainstorm	Worksheet #2: Who Said It?	Brainstorm fun activities involving the ocean.	Worksheet #3: Sea Creatures
	The Mermaid (Myths and Legends)	Worksheet #1: Can You See a Silent 'B'?	Worksheet #3: Life Under the Sea	Group Discussion Worksheet #2: Fact or Fiction?	Research facts about King Neptune.
	The Fisherman and his Wife (Fairy Tales)	Worksheet #1: Adjective Hunt	Worksheet #2: Act It Out! Write play script.	Worksheet #2: Act it Out! Perform play to class.	Worksheet #3: Make a Wish!
	The Pirates' Cave (Adventureland)	Worksheet #1: Speech Marks Galore!	Worksheet #3: Reporter for a Day	Worksheet #3: Reporter for a Day Read as a TV news report.	Worksheet #2: Wanted: Dead or Alive!
	Finders Keepers (Adventureland)	Study 'er' words	Worksheet #1: Captain Sirhoy visits	Worksheet #2: Trapped in a Different Time Share responses	Create a poster about sea creatures that live in rock pools.
	Capsize! (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Abbreviations	Write a narrative using the title 'Trapped!'	Group work - Worksheet #3: Survival of the Fittest	Worksheet #2: Design a Glossary
2	Kay Cottee's Adventures (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: A Dash of This and a Dash of That...	Worksheet #2: Dear Diary...	Present an oral report about an amazing ocean rescue.	Worksheet #3: Australians of the Year
	The Titanic (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Apostrophes of Ownership	Worksheet #3: Keeping a Journal	Discuss Worksheet #2: Fact or Opinion?	Worksheet #4: Exploring Icebergs
	Blackbeard the Pirate (True Tales)	Scan text for examples of proper nouns.	Worksheet #1: Writing a Description	Group work - Worksheet #2: Life at Sea	Research the history of the Jolly Roger.
	The Little Mermaid (Fairy Tales)	Worksheet #1: Handy Homographs	Worksheet #3: Imagine If...	Partner Activity - Worksheet #2: Just a Dash	List the types of coral found on the Great Barrier Reef.
	The Ghost Ship (True Tales)	Worksheet #2: Sailing Ships	Worksheet #3: Read All About It!	Worksheet #1: What Really Happened? Share theories with the class.	Design a data grid about different types of dangerous sharks.
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Topic: *The Ocean*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Make a list of words related to the topic for use as a spelling list e.g. island, fishing, mermaid, pirate, ocean, sea, strait, ship, boat, swimming and beach.
- ◇ Write a list of words that use the word 'sea' as a base word. Define each word and list in alphabetical order.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing use of apostrophes of possession and contractions.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Design a cause and effect chart for the events in one of the online stories.
- ◇ Write a blurb for one of the online stories.
- ◇ Design a crossword using facts from one of the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write a narrative using the following story starter: *You are lying on the beach, minding your own business, when all of a sudden...*
- ◇ Write an information report about the causes and effects of a tsunami.
- ◇ Write an explanation text about a fun ocean-related activity, e.g. *How to Body Surf, How to Play Beach Cricket or How to Make a Fantastic Sandcastle*

Oral Language

- ◇ Role Play one of the online stories to the class.
- ◇ Locate a poem about the ocean and recite it verbally to an audience using voice intonation and projection.
- ◇ Present an oral report about the oceans of the world.
- ◇ Conduct a class debate using the topic: *Swimming in the ocean is better than swimming in a pool.*

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Octopus (Puppet Plays) – *Create a data grid about sea creatures*
- ◇ Pirate Island (Choose Your Own Adventure) – *Research the history of pirates*
- ◇ 'All at Sea' (Puzzle Palace) – *complete the puzzle.*

Theme: Transport

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
2	William's Red Rocket (Adventureland)	Worksheet #2: Believe In Yourself!	Write about your favourite means of transport.	Brainstorm different types of transportation. In small groups, categorise the list.	Worksheet #1: Design a Billy Cart
	Subway Hero (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Exclamation Marks	Worksheet #4: Positive Impressions	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Who is Your Hero?	Worksheet #3: Design a Medal
	The Titanic (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Apostrophes of Ownership	Worksheet #3: Keeping a Journal	Discuss Worksheet #2: Fact or Opinion?	Worksheet #4: Exploring Icebergs
	Kay Cottee's Adventures (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: A Dash of This and a Dash of That...	Worksheet #2: Dear Diary...	Create a model of an unsinkable boat. Test boats for floatability.	Worksheet #3: Australians of the Year
	Capsize (True Tales)	Worksheet #1: Abbreviations	Write an imaginary recount about a scary journey in a chosen transportation vehicle.	Group work - Worksheet #3: Survival of the Fittest	Worksheet #2: Design a Glossary
	There's a Train Coming (Scary Stories)	Study the blend 'ai' as in 'train'	Write a narrative about a close encounter with an oncoming train.	Partner Activity: Worksheet #2: Unscramble the Story	Worksheet #1: What Happened?
	A Ghost Story (Scary Stories)	Study silent letters e.g. 'h' in ghost, 'b' in numb, 'k' in know	Worksheet #3: Become a Ghost Hunter!	Worksheet #2: Design a Graph	Worksheet #1: Create a Cause and Effect Chart
	Blast Off! (True Tales)	Worksheet #2: Space Talk	Write a detailed information report about rockets.	Worksheet #3: The Speech Read speeches aloud.	Worksheet #1: Research Space Travel
	Crash (People Stories)	Worksheet #1: Pronoun Hunt	Worksheet #3: Retell the Story	Partner Activity Worksheet #2: Before and After	Worksheet #4: First Aid Kit
	Two Hours From Town (People Stories)	Use words from the title to study homophones i.e. two, too, to & hours, ours	Worksheet #3: Outback Emergency	Co-operative Group Activity Worksheet #2: A Different Kind of School	Worksheet #1: Meddling with Metaphors
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Topic: *Transport*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate a spelling list for students to learn using transportation vehicles e.g. train, bus, aeroplane, car, bicycle, billy cart, truck, jet, helicopter, scooter etc
- ◇ Demonstrate use of the verb/adverb agreement using the spelling list words e.g. The aeroplane landed roughly at the airport.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing knowledge of commas.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Using events, characters and themes, create a crossword about one of the online stories.
- ◇ Rewrite one of the online stories from a different point of view e.g. Two Hours From Town - Dad's point of view, Subway Hero - Everett Sanderson's point of view.

Writing

- ◇ Write narratives using the topics:
The Amazing Journey
Runaway Truck!
The Aeroplane that Vanished
- ◇ Write an exposition text using the topic '*Seatbelts should be worn at all times when travelling by car.*'
- ◇ Create an advertisement for an amazing new transportation vehicle.

Oral Language

- ◇ Watch a local main road for a set amount of time. Students take note of the various forms of transport used on the road recording the number of cars/trucks/motorbikes etc. In pairs, students transfer their data onto a chosen type of graph using computer software (such as MS Excel) if possible.
- ◇ In small groups, identify the advantages and disadvantages of travelling long distances in various forms of transport e.g. aeroplane, train, ship, car, truck or motorbike.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ Secret Journey & Digital Documentaries (Children in History) – *Present a slide show about the history of riverboats and paddle steamers in Australia*
- ◇ Runaway & Digital Documentaries (Children in History) – *Write an explanation text about how a steam engine works*
- ◇ Make Chuffing Charlie (a steam locomotive), Steaming Sally (a riverboat) and/or the Coach and Horses (stage coach) models (Children in History)
- ◇ Make the Super Dart (Zip's Make and Do – Easy level), the Super Glider (Medium level) and Wally Walker (Medium level)
- ◇ 'Star Ship' and 'Space Race' (Puzzle Palace)

Theme: *Weather*

Learning Components

Level	Reading	Word Study	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Extension
1	Good Dog (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Crazy Contractions	Write an explanation text about the water cycle.	Present a slide show presentation about the causes and effects of flash floods.	Worksheet #2: The Key to Mapping!
	The Marble of All Seasons (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Study homonyms which can be both a noun and a verb e.g. season	Write about your favourite season stating the reasons for your choice.	Group work: Describe the weather changes in each of the four seasons.	Worksheet #1: Crystal Balls
2	The Pirates' Cave (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Speech Marks Galore	Write a poem about a first hand experience of the ocean during a storm.	Read poems written in the writing session aloud to the class.	Worksheet #2: Wanted – Dead or Alive!
	Capsize! (<i>True Tales</i>)	Worksheet #1: Abbreviations	Study a recent severe storm: date, location, damage caused, fatalities & long-term effects.	Worksheet #3: Survival of the Fittest	Worksheet #2: Design a Glossary
	The Rainbow Serpent (<i>Myths and Legends</i>)	Worksheet #1: Building on Base Words	Write an explanation text about how a rainbow is created.	Create a sentence using the first letter of each colour of the rainbow. Read to the class.	Conduct science experiments about the spectrum.
3	Lost in the Rainforest (<i>Adventureland</i>)	Worksheet #1: Using Commas	Create a data grid comparing weather in different environments e.g. rainforest, desert, tropical island	Small Group Activity: Use a map of the world to locate well-known rainforest areas.	Research how a country's proximity to the equator can affect its climate.
	One Wish (<i>Fantasy Forest</i>)	Brainstorm synonyms for the words hot and cold.	Maisy experiences a blizzard. Write an explanation text about why it snows.	With a partner, present an instructional session about how to treat a weather related injury e.g. frostbite, sunburn	Design a poster outlining the clothing & equipment required in extremely cold temperatures.



Topic: *Weather*

Assessment Ideas

Spelling/Grammar

- ◇ Generate a spelling list related to the weather for students to learn using words such as: summer, autumn, winter, spring, season, storm, cyclone, flood, rainbow and climate.
- ◇ Use the words weather/whether and other homophones in sentences to show the differences in their meanings.
- ◇ Select a passage from one of the online stories as dictation assessing knowledge of high frequency words.

Reading

- ◇ Complete online reading comprehension activities:
Fill the Gaps
Multiple Choice
- ◇ Retell one of the online stories using a storyboard.
- ◇ Create a 3D model of a weather-related event from one of the online stories.
- ◇ Display a timeline of events from one of the online stories.

Writing

- ◇ Write narratives using the following topics:
The Day it Didn't Stop Raining
Four Seasons in One Day
Alone in the Desert
- ◇ Compose poetry about a chosen natural disaster such as an earthquake, cyclone or volcano eruption.
- ◇ Write a diarised account of a person living in extreme weather conditions e.g. Antarctica, the Sahara Desert.
- ◇ Write explanation texts that explain weather phenomena such as: Why does it rain? How is a cloud formed? What causes a tsunami?

Oral Language

- ◇ In pairs, present an oral report to the class about a chosen natural disaster.
- ◇ Conduct a class discussion/debate about a weather-related issue such as Global Warming.
- ◇ Orally retell one of the online stories as Reader's Theatre.
- ◇ Students choose one of the following weather-related topics to research and present as a slide show presentation: cloud formations, weather measuring instruments, weather charts, extreme weather, weather differences in the Northern & Southern Hemisphere.

Related Ziptales Activities:

- ◇ The Happy Prince (Graphic Classics) – *Research how the seasons affect the animal kingdom e.g. migration, hibernation*
- ◇ Animal Kites (Zip's Make and Do – Medium level) – *Fly kites on a windy day*
- ◇ 'The Wind' and 'The Rainbow' (Rhyme Time)