

Professional Learning Guide

Years 1 & 2



Using Ziptales in Years 1-2

Select the **Teacher Dashboard** (via the drop down box in the top left corner).

Open the **Developing Literacy** content library.

Explore the main content modules relevant to Years 1 and 2 students:

The screenshot displays the Ziptales Teacher Dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'TEACHER' selected in a dropdown menu. Below this, the 'Content Libraries' section is visible, with 'Developing Literacy F-2' highlighted. A large red arrow points to this selection. The main content area is titled 'Developing Literacy F-2' and features a 'Reading & Enrichment' section with a grid of 12 resource icons: ABC, Storytime, Timeless Tales, Puppet Plays, Easy Readers, Junior Readers, Joke in a Box, Puzzle Palace, Rhyime Time, Make and Do, Happy Schools, and Specialised English Lessons (SEL). To the right, the 'Resources' section lists various tools like 'Getting Started', 'Reading Levels', 'Curriculum Alignment', 'Theme Units', 'Worksheets/ELARs', 'PL Guide', 'Ziptales: The Full Guide', 'How To Use', and 'Webinars'.

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Easy Readers – offers 38 rhyming, animated, phonics-based stories with highlighted text. The stories cover short vowels, consonant blends and digraphs, long vowels and vowel/consonant digraphs. The approach is a cheerful and funny ‘Dr Seuss’ feel, to aid enjoyment and recall. Worksheets are provided for classroom use.

Storytime – features animated cartoon stories including traditional fairy tales. Multiple Choice questions and follow up worksheets are supplied for each story.

Timeless Tales – eight traditional stories told in graphic novel format. Each story comes with comprehension activities for classroom use.

All stories have professional voiceovers by trained actors.



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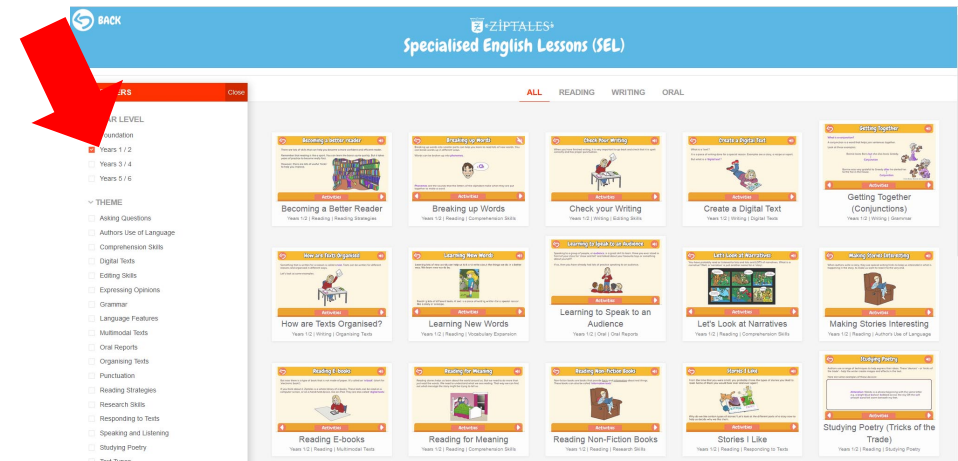
Junior Readers – 20 more complex narratives (with a readability of Year 2), cultural stories (Australian, New Zealand and Asian) and informational texts suited to students with a higher level of reading skill. All come with follow up worksheets.



Specialised English Lessons – use the red *Filters* button to select *Years 1 and 2*.

Use the *Reading, Writing and Oral Language* buttons to explore the lessons provided specifically for Years 1 and 2 students.

All lessons have voiceovers and follow up classroom activities.



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You may also wish to view the **Reading Level Test** (located on the Students' Dashboard). It enables teachers to diagnose a child's reading skills, in order to aid selection of suitable texts.

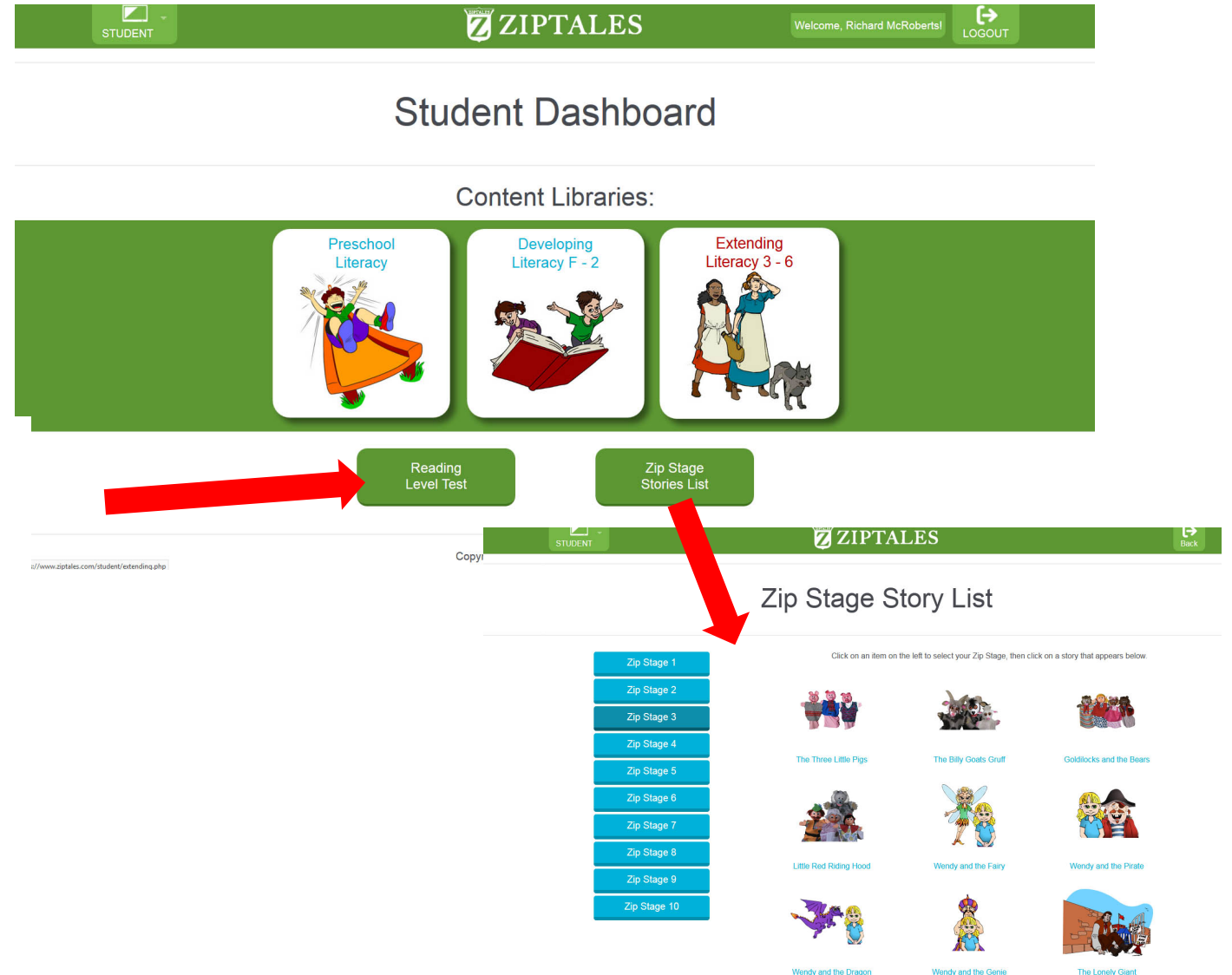
All information needed (included full scripts and explanations) is provided on the Teacher dashboard in the "Reading Levels" page.

On the basis of the test, you can fine tune what a child will be able to read.



Reading Levels

If a child is recommended to read at Zip Stage 3, for instance, he/she can click on that level and choose a story to read.



The screenshot shows the ZIPTALES Student Dashboard. At the top, there is a green header with "STUDENT" on the left, the ZIPTALES logo in the center, and "Welcome, Richard McRoberts!" with a "LOGOUT" button on the right. Below the header, the main heading is "Student Dashboard". Underneath, it says "Content Libraries:" followed by three boxes: "Preschool Literacy" (with a cartoon of a child flying), "Developing Literacy F - 2" (with a cartoon of two children reading), and "Extending Literacy 3 - 6" (with a cartoon of a woman and a dog). Below these are two buttons: "Reading Level Test" and "Zip Stage Stories List". A red arrow points from the "Reading Level Test" button to the "Reading Levels" icon in the text on the left. Another red arrow points from the "Zip Stage Stories List" button to the "Zip Stage Story List" page below. The "Zip Stage Story List" page has a green header with "STUDENT", the ZIPTALES logo, and a "Back" button. Below the header is a list of "Zip Stage" buttons from 1 to 10. To the right of the list is a grid of story thumbnails with titles: "The Three Little Pigs", "The Billy Goats Gruff", "Goldilocks and the Bears", "Little Red Riding Hood", "Wendy and the Fairy", "Wendy and the Pirate", "Wendy and the Dragon", "Wendy and the Genie", and "The Lonely Giant". A small instruction at the top of the story grid says "Click on an item on the left to select your Zip Stage, then click on a story that appears below."

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If time permits, browse the following links also suitable for Years 1 & 2:

Puppet Plays – real life puppet plays, each story comes with follow up worksheets.

Happy Schools – a suite of interactive lessons and worksheets on the topic of bullying.

Make and Do – step by step craft projects written in procedural text format using photos and diagrams for visual support.

