



Zog

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Useful Information

Author	Julia Donaldson
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Other titles by this author	Zog and the Flying Doctors, Stick Man, The Snail and the Whale, A Squash and a Squeeze, Room on the Broom, The Smartest Giant in Town, What the Ladybird Heard

Tales Toolkit

	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	Zog, a young dragon.		at dragon school.
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.
	Zog wants to win a golden star at dragon school for his dragon skills, but he keeps having accidents.		He makes friends with Princess Pearl and earns a golden star. He decides to help her be a flying doctor.

Phrases and repeated refrains from story text

Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story

many moons ago	up and off he flew
now that you've been shown	win a golden star
you can practise on your own	silly chumps
what a good idea	zig-zagged through the blue

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms

synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)

keen	to feel strongly, to really want to do something (eager)
implore	to beg for something (ask, plead)
practise	To do something many times to become good at it (drill, workout, rehearsal)
capture	to take hold of (catch, grab, kidnap, pinch)
might	great strength or power (force, energy,)
knight	a soldier on a horse



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