

# “Z” Unit Fricatives



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## Child-Friendly “Z” Words

Initial	Medial	Final	
xylophone	amazing	always	his
Z	bulldozer	apples	hose
zany	busy	babies	is/was
zap	buzzing	bananas	jeans
zebra	cheesecake	beads	keys
zero	chimpanzee	beans	knees
zigzag	closet	bears	legs
zing	clothespin	because	maze
zinnia	cousin	bees	nose
zip	daisy	bows	peas
zip code	dazzling	boys	pies
zipper	desert	bubbles	pigs
zombie	dessert	bugs	please
zone	dozen	butterflies	rose
zoo	easel	buzz	shoes
zookeeper	easy	cars	sneeze
zoom	freezer	cheese	stairs
zucchini	fuzzy	cherries	stars
	husband	choose	tease
	lizard	close	these
	magazine	clothes	those
	measles	cookies	ties
	music	cows	toes
	newspaper	dogs	toys
	noisy	eggs	trapeze
	pansy	excuse	trees
	puzzle	eyes	use
	presents	fizz	vitamins
	raisin	flowers	woods
	razor	freeze	yours
	scissors	friends	
	Thursday	fuzz	
	Tuesday	girls	
	visit	glasses	
	Wednesday	hers	
	wizard		

## Daily Routines

### Moving through the day

- Open and **close** your **eyes**.
- Play with the **boys** and **girls** in your neighborhood or your **cousins**.
- **Visit** your **friends** and **neighbors**.
- Cut with **scissors**.
- **Zoom** and **buzz** around the house like **bees**.

## Getting dressed

- Go to your **closet** and **choose** the **clothes** you want to wear today. Maybe something **amazing** and **dazzling**!
- Don't forget to **zip-up** your **jeans** and put on your **shoes**. No, you can't wear your **fuzzy slippers** outside. Which **shoes** should you wear? **These?** **Those?**
- Put **bows** in your hair.

## Kitchen capers

- We need to make a shopping list. We need to buy **zucchini**, **zip-lock bags**, a **dozen eggs**, **peas**, **cheese**, **cherries**, **bananas**, **apples**, **oranges**, **pies**.
- Look in the refrigerator and the **freezer**. What can we fix to eat that's **easy**? A **dessert**?
- Make a **dozen cookies**.
- What kind of fruit do you want: **apples**, **bananas**, **cherries**, **raisins**?

## Each day, every day

- Put on your most **dazzling** smile for everyone!
- **Always** wipe your **nose** when you **sneeze**.
- **Always** say **please** when you want something.
- **Always** say **excuse** me when you walk in front of someone.
- Don't **tease** your **brothers**, **sisters** or **cousins**, **please**.
- We're **always** so **busy**!
- Listen to **children's music**.
- Put away all your **toys**. Now everything looks **organized**.

## Activities

- **Zebra Says** — a variation of the game, **Simon Says** (Wee Sing 6)
- Play with toy farm **animals**: **pigs**, **cows**, **horses**, **dogs**, **chickens** and **roosters**.
- Plant or pick **flowers** from your garden. **Please** don't forget to water them with a **hose**.
- Be careful of the **bees buzzing** and **zooming** around.
- Draw **pictures** of **flowers**: **roses**, **zinnias**, **daisies**, **pansies**. **Use zigzags** to draw grass.
- **Visit the zoo!** Did you see the **rhinos**, **seals**, **zebras**, **lions**, **leopards**, **tigers**, **bears**, **chimpanzees**, **gorillas**, **bears**, **flamingos**, and **gazelles**? Don't tease the **alligators**!
- Get **busy** and make a “Z” collage. Cut **pictures** out of **magazines** and **newspapers**. **Use** a pair of **scissors**, **markers** and glue. Your picture **is amazing**!
- Sort **keys** by **size**.
- **Zoom** and **zigzag** your **cars** around the **trees**. **Easy** does it!

- Look up at the **stars** at night. **Amazing!**
- Plant real or paper **flowers**: **zinnias, pansies, daisies, roses**, etc.
- Have a pretend birthday party for your stuffed **animals**. Wrap several "**presents**." How many **toys/clothes/foods** did each animal get?
- Blow **dozens** of **bubbles**. Pop!

## Games and Toys

- Rock, Paper, **Scissors** Game
- **Freeze** Game (Wee Sing 6)
- Doggie, Doggie, Who **Has** the Bone Game (Wee Sing 6)
- Play Button, Button, Who **Has** the Button? (Wee Sing 6)
- Monkeying Around game by International Playthings (**monkeys**)
- Honey Bee Tree game by International Playthings (**bees**)
- **Zingo** game by ThinkFun
- Leaping **Lizards** by Gamewright
- Don't Spill the **Beans** game by Milton Bradley

## Songs, Rhymes or Fingerplays

- Fuzzy Wuzzy (Wee Sing 7)
- Goin' to the Zoo (Wee Sing 7)
- The Mosquito (Wee Sing 7)
- Nobody Likes Me (Wee Sing 7, 11)
- Grizzly Bear (Wee Sing 7)
- At the Zoo (Wee Sing 7)
- Shake Your Sillies Out
- Head and Shoulders (Wee Sing 5, 9)
- Pop! Goes the Weasel (Wee Sing 3, 5, 9)
- Boom, Boom, Ain't it Great to Be Crazy? (Wee Sing 11)
- Two Little Sausages (Wee Sing 3)
- Three Blue Pigeons (Wee Sing 7)
- Three Little Monkeys (Wee Sing 7)

## Book: *Dear Zoo*

**Written and Illustrated by Rod Campbell.**

Follow a child who writes to the zoo requesting that the zoo send him a pet. Each animal that arrives from the zoo is unacceptable to the child. At last, just the right one is found!

## Building communication with this book

- **Irregular past tense** wrote, sent, was
- **Adjectives** big, heavy, tall, fierce, grumpy, scary, naughty, jumpy
- **Predicting** What animal could be in this box?
- **Sequencing** the order in which the animals came to the boy
- **Comparing and contrasting** the different animals sent by the zoo

## Conversational phrases for this book

- I wrote to the **zoo** to send me a pet.
- The **zoo** sent me an elephant/giraffe/lion/camel/snake/monkey/frog.
- He **was** too big/tall/fierce/grumpy/scary/naughty (**zany**)/jumpy.
- Don't **tease** the \_\_\_!
- The **zoo** sent me a dog. He **was** perfect! **Amazing!**

## Props for this book

- Box
- Elephant
- Giraffe
- Lion
- Camel
- Snake
- Monkey
- Frog
- Dog



## Additional Books

- *Going to the Zoo* by Tom Paxton
- *Busy Lizzie* by Hollie Berry
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
- *Little Miss Busy* by Roger Hargreaves
- *Where Is Maisy?* By Lucy Cousins
- *This is a Hospital, Not a Zoo!* By Roberta Karim
- *Tails* by Matthew Van Fleet
- *Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* by Eileen Christelow