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# Read at Home

## The Spaceship



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## *Tips for Reading Together*

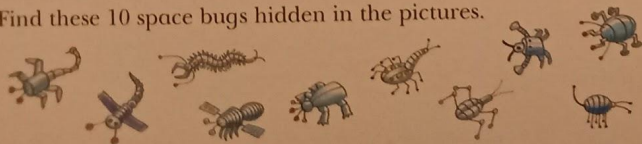
Children learn best when reading is fun.

- Talk about the title and the pictures on the cover.
- Discuss what you think the story might be about.
- Read the story together, inviting your child to read with you.
- Give lots of praise as your child reads with you, and help them when necessary.
- Try different ways of helping if they get stuck on a word. For example: read the first sound or syllable of the word, read the whole sentence, or refer to the picture. Focus on the meaning.
- Have fun finding the hidden space bugs.
- Re-read the story later, encouraging your child to read as much of it as they can.

Children enjoy re-reading stories and this helps to build their confidence.

*Have fun!*

Find these 10 space bugs hidden in the pictures.



# The Spaceship

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Floppy went to sleep and  
he began to dream.



A spaceship landed.  
"Wow!" said Kipper.  
"A real spaceship!"



An alien came out.  
"I am Zig," he said.  
"And this is my dog, Zog."



"Let's go into space," said Zig.

"Oh yes!" said Kipper.

"Oh no!" said Floppy.



**WHOOSH!** The spaceship  
took off. It flew up into space.



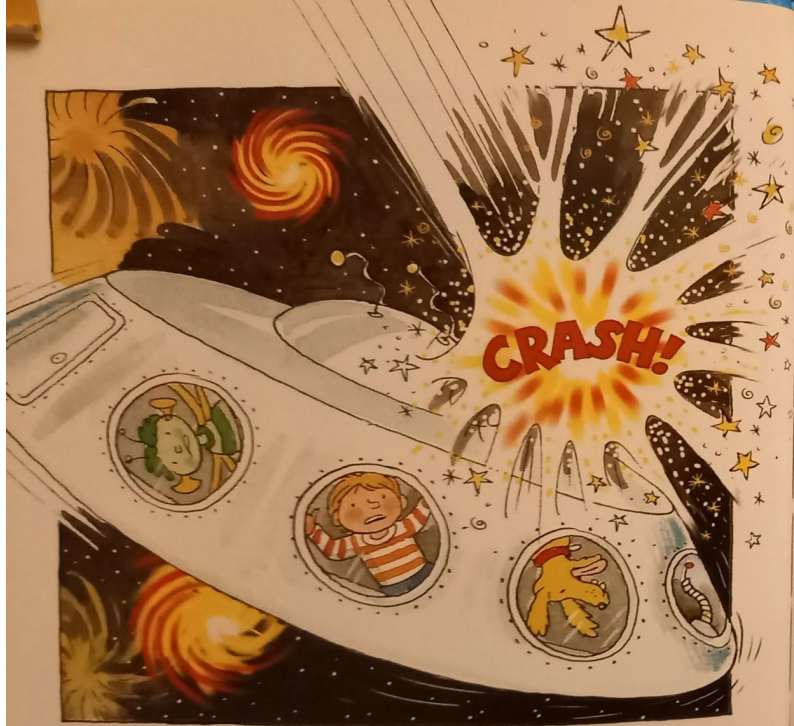
"What's that?" said Kipper.

"Oh no!" said Zig. "Fireballs!"



WHOOSH! Suddenly, there  
were fireballs all around them.

"Help!" said Zog.



**CRASH!** A fireball hit them.  
The spaceship began to  
spin round.



Zig and Kipper bumped heads.  
"Oh my head!" said Kipper.  
"Oh my head!" said Zig.



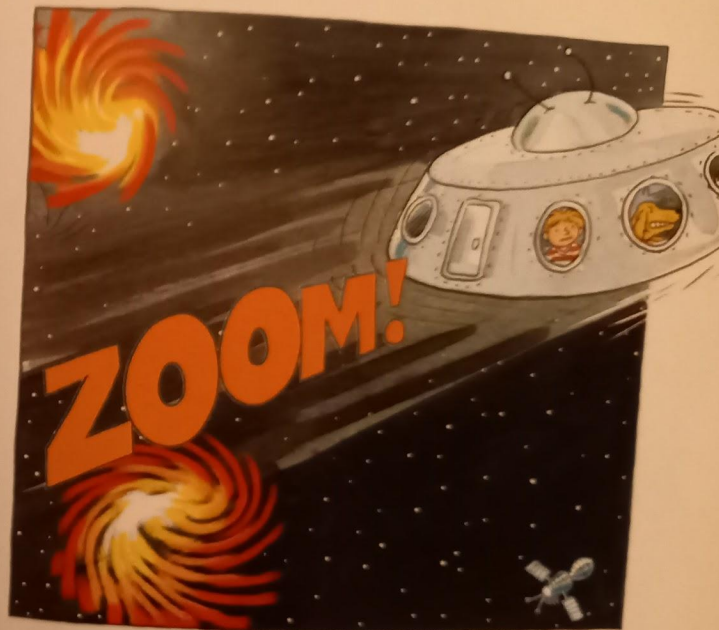
Floppy saw a very big fireball.  
It was going to hit them!



"Help!" said Floppy.  
"We're in danger!" said Zog.  
"I don't know what to do."



"I know what to do," said Floppy.  
"I can fly the spaceship."



**ZOOM!** Floppy flew the  
spaceship out of danger.  
"Phew! Just in time," he said.



“Well done, Space Dog Floppy,”  
said Zig. “You saved us!”

### Think about the story



Why did  
Floppy dream  
about space?

How did Floppy  
feel about being  
in space?



Why did Floppy  
have to take control of the  
spaceship? How did he know  
what to do?



Where do  
spaceships go in  
space? Where would  
you like to go?

