

# Zippy Sentence Samples

Teach your students to use zippy words, not blah words.

## Setting:

*When? Long long ago; On a bright sunny day; Yesterday; On the Fourth of July; In the middle of May; In the middle of the night; At a quarter to one; On a cold, cold day; On Friday evening at six o'clock.*

*Where? in my room; down in the basement; hiding under a tree; in an old, spooky house; at the circus; deep in the jungle, in the coldest Arctic; at the ballgame; in the playground at the park.*

## Character:

*Who? a funny, floppy-eared elephant; a tall graceful giraffe; a furry little rabbit; a wrinkly, old rhinoceros; a pretty, golden canary; a huge hippopotamus; a frisky, brown squirrel; a sleek, colorful trout.*

## Action:

*What? (Zippy said words) trumpeted, thought, chirped, moaned, exclaimed, announced.*

*Food: little bananas and cherry fruit; juicy green leaves; scrumptious pepperoni pizza with extra cheese; mounds of spaghetti and sauce; juicy hamburgers with all the trimmings, a triple-decker ice cream cone.*

*Tastes: rich, juicy, tasty, yummy, delicious, scrumptious, devine, marvelous, out of this world.*



## Examples

*In the deep jungles of South America, a colorful parrot screeched, "These shiny berries are scrumptious!"*

*On a bright sunny day in the forest, a cute little raccoon whispered, "These crunchy nuts are yummy."*

*In the middle of winter, a sleepy old bear stumbled out of his cave and stated, "That hive full of honey looks delectable."*

*In the kitchen, on a shiny, white countertop, a tiny brown mouse squeaked, "That big, tempting chunk of cheddar looks too good to be true."*



## From Third Graders

*On a cold windy day, in the icy North Pole, a big old polar bear snorted, "These big, juicy berries are tasty." Becca Livermore*

*In the backyard, in a cage, a little brown furry rabbit squeaked, "These fat, juicy, orange carrots taste super." Heather Persinger*

*At the zoo, a huge, gray and pink polka-dotted elephant trumpeted, "These roasted peanuts are crunchy and delicious." Heather Persinger*

*In a deep, blue sea, a bright-colored tropical fish glubbed, "This fish food is terrific." Anonymous*

