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Book Notes

**Zippers / Ziperes**

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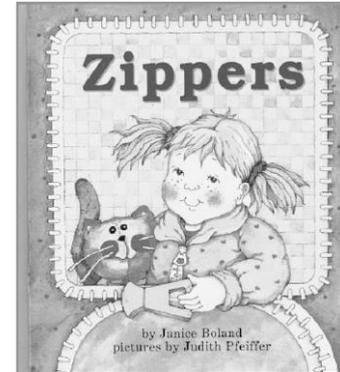
Illustrator Judith Pfeiffer

8 pages ■ 21 Eng. words ■ 24 Spn. words

Fountas and Pinnell Level C

Intervention Level 3

Descubriendo la Lectura Level n/a



Zippers

SYNOPSIS

A rhythmic piece about zippers going up and down.

WHAT THE BOOK OFFERS

- Fiction
- First person
- Present tense
- Some repetition
- Zippers are the subject
- Told by unnamed and largely unseen child
- Clear text/picture match
- Mainly basic vocabulary
- Some plural text but singular illustrations

POSSIBLE SKILLS EMPHASIS

- Attending to word endings, especially plurals

INTRODUCING THE BOOK

This is an unusual book because there are not many words that begin with the last letter of the alphabet.

- Discuss the word “zipper,” who has zippers on their clothes today, where we have zippers and why, and how zippers work.

Look closely at the illustration. Would that zipper work easily? The top part shows a square zipper and. . .

What can you say about the zipper on the girl’s sweater?

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FOCUS OF INSTRUCTION

- Ensure that students are attending to the word endings (plurals). Discuss other ways the author could have written the text.

When the zipper is up, it is sh-. . .

When the zipper is down, it is . . .

Page 8: *What happens when a zipper is stuck? It will not. . .*

FOLLOWING THE READING

- Have the students draw one of their articles of clothing with a zipper and write whether it is up/down and open/shut.
- Talk about other ways clothes are fastened and what things, other than clothes, are fastened with zippers.
- Ask students to describe how a zipper works.

Additional Comprehension Prompts For Oral or Written Use Before, During, and After Reading	
FINISH THIS THOUGHT	<i>This book is all about a little girl who . . . Some people don't like zippers because . . .</i>
USE YOUR MEMORY	<i>What thing got stuck in the little girl's zipper? How do you know?</i>
WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?	<i>Would you rather have buttons on your jacket or a zipper on your jacket? Why do you think a zipper gets stuck?</i>
BE CREATIVE	<i>What would you do if you wanted to take off your coat and the zipper wouldn't go down?</i>
VOCABULARY AGENT	<i>Name 2 things that go up. Name 2 things that go down. Name 2 things that go all around.</i>

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