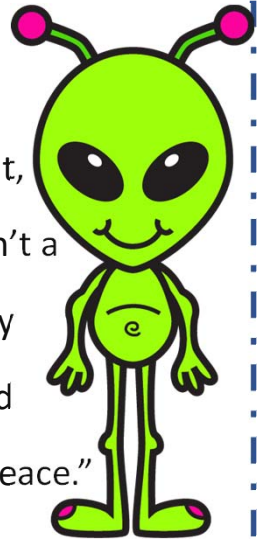


# Zog!



Lily and her family loved to gaze at the stars through their telescope. One night, a bright light appeared. Lily gasped. “Look, Mom! A shooting star!” But it wasn’t a star—it was Zog, a friendly alien from the planet Glitteron. Zog had big, sparkly eyes, green skin, and two wiggly antennae on its head. Zog suddenly appeared in their living room. “Greetings!” Zog said in a high-pitched voice. “I come in peace.” Mom and Dad were surprised. “Welcome,” they said. Zog sat on the fluffy rug. “Your Earth is amazing!” it exclaimed. “I’ve never seen so many colors or tasted chocolate chip cookies!” Lily giggled. “We call them cookies, not ‘chocolate chip cookies.’” Zog nodded. “I want to learn everything about your planet. Can I stay?” Zog became part of Lily’s family. They taught it how to ride a bike, play hide-and-seek, and even make peanut butter sandwiches. Zog loved peanut butter so much that it put it on everything—bananas, crackers, and even pizza! Every night, they sat around the kitchen table, sharing stories. Zog told them about Glitteron’s rainbow rivers and moonlit forests. Lily described her school, where kids learned math, science, and how to be kind to one another. Zog’s favorite Earth activity was stargazing. With Lily’s family, it pointed the telescope at the sky. “See that constellation?” Zog said, pointing to a group of stars. “On Glitteron, we call it ‘Twinkletoes.’” Lily laughed. “Here, we call it the Big Dipper!” Soon, Zog missed home. “I must return to Glitteron,” it said sadly. “But I’ll never forget your kindness.” Lily hugged Zog tightly. “You’ll always be our friend,” she said. “And when you miss us, just look up at the stars.” And so, Zog waved goodbye, stepped into its spaceship, and zoomed away. But every night, Lily’s family would gaze at the sky, knowing that somewhere out there, Zog was looking back, twinkling like a star.

1. Read the passage about “Zog”.
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. Who are the main characters in the story?**

- a. Lily, her parents and Zog
- b. Zog and Glitteron
- c. Lily's family

**2. Where did Zog come from?**

- a. Milky Way
- b. Through the telescope
- c. Glitteron

**3. What did Zog look like?**

- a. green with 4 antenna
- b. green with 2 antenna
- c. green with 3 antenna

**4. What did Zog like to eat?**

- a. cookies
- b. chocolate chip cookies
- c. chocolate cookies

**5. When Zog left, what did Zog say he would never forget?**

- a. chocolate chip cookies
- b. their kindness
- c. Lily

# Zog

## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. If Zog stayed with Lily's family, what adventures and challenges might he have?
  2. If you were Zog, what would you miss about Earth?
  3. Re-write this passage using: *first, then, next and finally*.
  4. Describe what you think an alien might look and act like.
- If you could ask an alien 5 questions, what would they be?
  - Explain why Zog may have felt like an outsider?
  - Why do people always feel better when others are kind?
  - Could this reading passage be true? Explain.