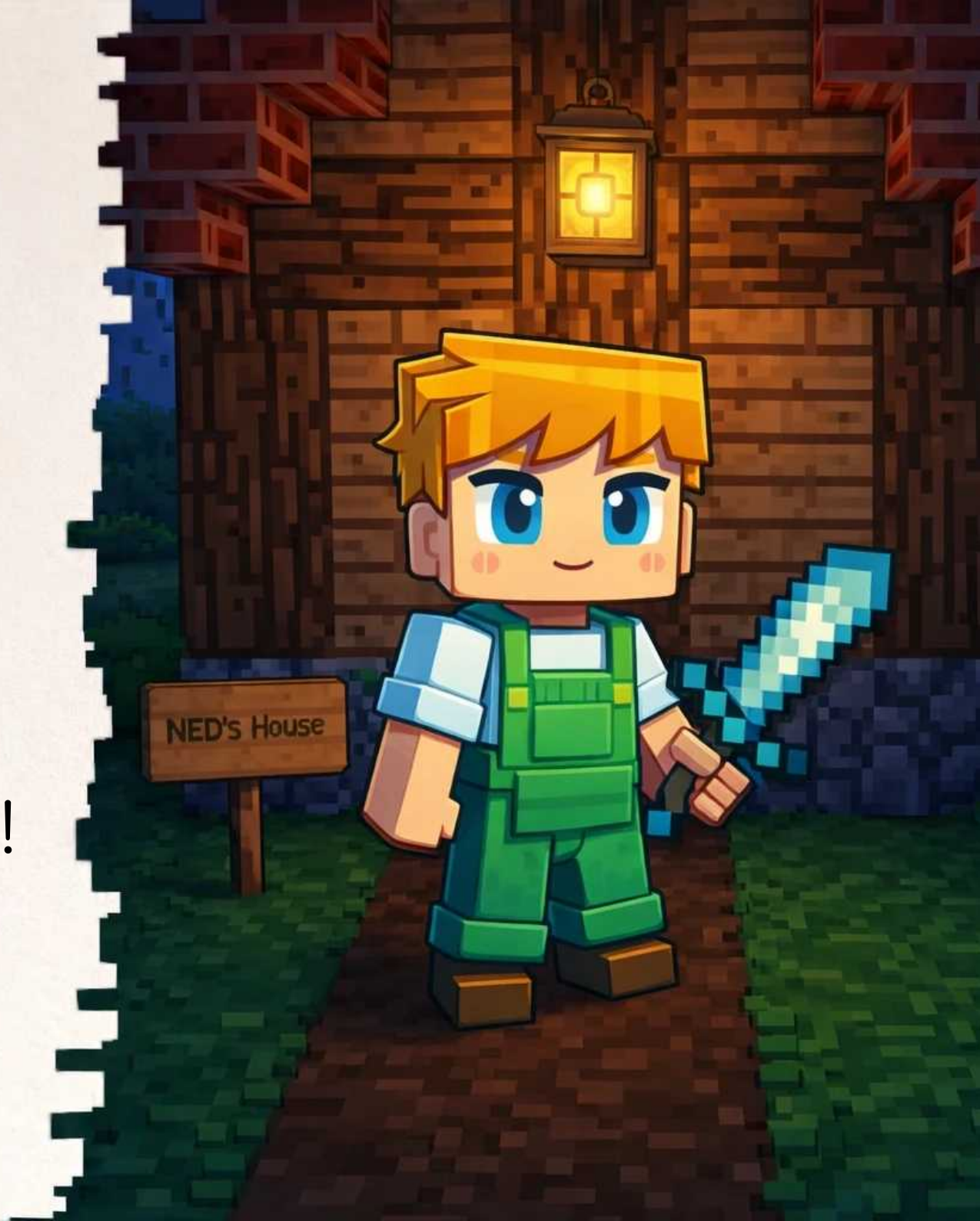


Zap the Zombie, Ned!



The sun dips and
dusk is here.

Ned grips his
sword. Not
tonight, monsters!
He has **zest**.





A big green
zombie creeps
up on Ned.

Jeez, it is grim
and it reeks!

Zap! Ned hits
the zombie and
it pops.

He grins and
lifts his lit
sword up.





Zip! Ned grabs
a lump. It is
rank gunk. But
Skeleton creeps
up at his back.
Click, clack, click!

A stick zips
past Ned. Eek!
Skeleton
attacks! Ned
zigzags for a
tree.





Ned is at the big tree. He is not zen, but he grips the hilt. Click, click! Skeleton seeks him and creeps up.

Blitz! Ned
jumps up and
zaps Skeleton.
It splits! Bits
drop, and Ned
grabs a bit.





Ned lifts the bit
up and grins. He
has **zest**! But a
big mob creeps
up at his back.
He can not see
it.

Ned spots the
mob. Eek! He zips
off fast.

He zigs and zags
past the trees,
but the mob is on
his track.





Jeez! A big red Spider is at the door.

Ned can not get in, and the mob is at his back.

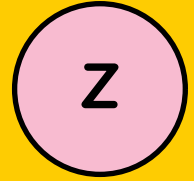
Blitz! Ned zaps
Spider and it
pops. He zips
in fast and
slams the
door. Bam!





Ned is in and he
is glad. A lit bit
glints on the plank.

He picks it up and
grins. He is **zen** at
last.



Zap the Zombie, Ned!

Ned finally stops hiding under the blankets and grabs his magic sword to face the monsters outside. A huge zombie lurches out of the dark, groaning and smelling like old socks in a swamp. Can Ned really stop being a potato and fight back? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 5: z /z/), this book practices words like 'zap', 'zips', 'jeez', 'blitz', 'zombie'.

Phonics Focus: <Z>

blitz, for, jeez, zags, zap, zaps, zen, zest, zigs, zigzags, zip, zips, zombie

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