

# The Smeds and the Smoos

'By a loobular lake on a far-off planet  
There lived a young Smed, and her name was Janet.  
Not far away, on a humplety hill,  
There lived a young Smoo by the name of Bill.'

The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue).  
So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove.  
But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories. There's even a  
gorgeous purple baby to celebrate!

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Julia is best known for her popular rhyming  
stories for children, especially those illustrated  
by [Axel Scheffler](#).



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## Key Vocabulary:

**Bounced:** Jumping up and down

**Beastly:** Terrifying — like a beast

**Dreadful:** Terrible

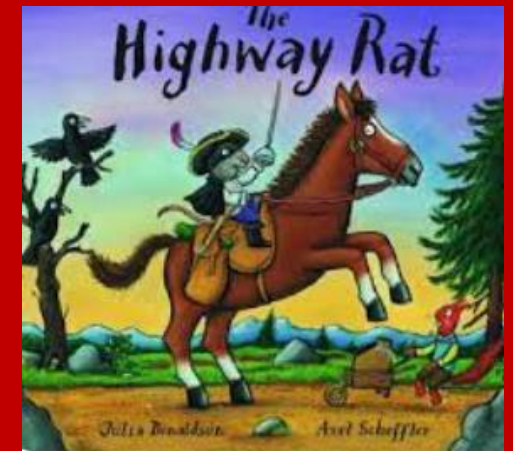
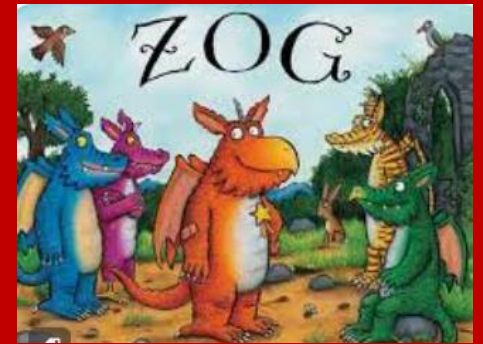
**Clambered:** Climbed

**Steered:** Moved the direction of a car or vehicle

**Quest:** A mission to get/do something



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## Writing Opportunity Challenges!

- Design a 'missing' poster that the Smeds and Smoos can put on their planet to help find Janet and Bill.
- Write a diary entry from either Janet or Bills' point of view. You could explore the reasons they ran away.
- Write and create wedding invitations for their guests!