

## Martin Stories: 1-6

### Spellings (M-W's Coll. dictionary, 10th)

backseat	flagpole
backyard	last-ditch
beach walk (noun)	lunchbox
beanstalk	good-bye
blackboard (instead of "chalkboard")	grown-ups
brand-new	raincoat
coatroom	red-faced
double-check (verb)	schoolyard
flip-flop	snowblower
knapsack (instead of "backpack")	toward (with an 's')
lawn mower	thumbs-up
rain cloud	trapdoor
thank-you (noun)	<i>Tyrannosaurus rex</i> or <i>T. rex</i>
thank you (verb)	walkie-talkie
lamppost	

### Names

Admiral (Martin's furry stuffed turtle)	Gibson (lucky classmate who gets away with doing very little work)
Alex (best friend, says "Holy Cow", star soccer player, has many brothers including one younger brother, likes pranks, likes to juggle, sings off key)	Ginny (hamster)
Alice (hamster owner, neighbor)	H2O Faster Blaster (but "my/the blaster")
Astro (a lost planet on <i>Zip Rideout</i> )	Harper (exaggerator)
Aunt Laverne (is Martin's grandmother's sister, has smoky blue hair, lavender perfume, knobby fingers, rusty voice, has lawn mower named after her)	Head Badger Bob (somewhat reckless, drives a van, apt to get lost)
Auntie Joan (give Martin the H2O Faster Blaster against his parents' wishes)	Jenny (substitute bus driver, later at Mighty's)
Beaverbrook Junior High	Jonathan (Homesick Junior Badger)
Bruce (Martin's former caregiver)	Junior Badgers (Monday is Junior Badger night, motto is Blazing Ahead, Loyalty Pledge is in Out of Orbit pg 66)
Camp Kitchywahoo	Laila Moffatt (big messy orange hair, stands on one leg when nervous, doesn't normally wear dresses, borrows Martin's things a lot, is smart, eats tuna sandwiches, can climb rope)
Clark (eats anything on a dare, makes things out of tape, one grade below Martin, favorite instrument is the tambourine, has a pirate lunchbox)	Martin (says "Cripes", knows Morse Code, good at art, knows how to make milkshakes, chocolate chip are his favorite cookies, is regularly late for his bus, likes the works on his hotdogs, hates mannequins)
Crater Man (Zip's arch enemy)	Mighty's Small Engine Repair (sign features bulldog)
Dad (says "rise and shine", and calls Martin 'Sport'; only says 'well done' when he means it, gives lectures on tool usage, pins a collage over his workbench)	Mom (enjoys spring cleaning regimen)
Darby (retired police officer, owns Bicycle Recycle, is bald)	Mr. Duncan (language arts teacher)
Darla McGonagle (Martin's caregiver, goes to Jr. High, likes dancing)	Mr. Horner (last year's teacher)
	Mr. Sadler (janitor)

Mrs. Baddeck (music teacher)  
 Mrs. Chesterton (math teacher)  
 Mrs. Crammond (art teacher)  
 Mrs. Hurtle (school secretary)  
 Mrs. Keenan (home room and science teacher, calls children ‘dear’ when they are in big trouble, often has a clip board)  
 Mrs. Phips (cranky school bus driver, wears gray, gravelly voice, often says ‘shake a leg’)  
 Park Ranger Super-Charged All-Night Flashlight  
 Polly (class parakeet, says “Well done!”)  
 Principal Moody (has a gray beard)  
 Scoots (neighborhood cat; very lucky)  
 Stuart (best friend, rides bus with Martin. says “Ka-boom”, plays the recorder, good at shadow puppets, hates clowns)  
 Stuart’s mom (stage designer, works for The Velvet Curtain Theatre, owns a props shed, hates spiders)  
 The Toy Box (city’s biggest store)  
 The Zipper (the name of Zip’s rocket)  
 The Velvet Curtain Theatre (where Stuart’s mom works)  
 Thomas (older bully, likes Darla)  
 Volt Thundercloud (Martin’s dad’s superhero, all black disguise with lightning bolts, fixes things, says “Tweaking now and then”)  
 Zip Rideout (television cartoon character, rocket features a flame pattern, says “Think

to the brink” in the face of danger, “Ready and steady” (last leg of every mission) and “Onwards and upwards” (start of every mission))  
*Zip Rideout* (show or comics short-form)  
*Zip Rideout: Episode 24* (Zip Rideout and the Wormhole)  
*Zip Rideout: Episode 26* (Return of Crater Man, with shoot-out on planet Astro)  
*Zip Rideout: Episode 16* (includes a crash landing)  
*Zip Rideout: Space Cadet* (full show name)  
*Zip Rideout: All Systems Ready* (first full length feature film)  
 Zip Rideout, Space Cadet (job title)  
 Zip Rideout Space Bar  
 Zip Rideout Space Flakes  
 Zip Rideout cereal cards (the one featuring Zip’s first rocket is rare)  
 Zip Rideout jacket (features star shaped zipper pull, extra padding at the elbows, badge of honor)  
 Zip Rideout lunchbox  
 Zip Rideout pajamas, sheets & toothbrushes  
 Zip Rideout official salute  
 Zip Rideout loyalty pledge  
 Zip Rideout theme song  
 Zip Rideout space goggles  
 Zip Rideout Solar System Explorer Set  
 Zoe Moffatt (Laila’s younger sister)

## Punctuation

- commas between words in short exclamatory phrases/where person is being addressed (e.g., “Oh, well” and “Hi, Sport”)
- short introductory phrases separated from rest of sentence with commas (e.g., “Later,” “Finally,” “Once again,” “For once,” “Somehow,” “Eventually,” “Instead,”)
- commas after conjunctions (e.g. and, so, but)
- No comma after ‘but’ or ‘only’ at the beginning of a sentence (unless part of an into phrase like “But as a child, Martin couldn’t swim.”)
- Apostrophe s after *Zip* is not italicized
- Allow space on each side of ellipses ...
- Allow space between em dash and word but not between em dash and quote mark

## Special Treatment

- Thoughts — not italicized or in quotation marks
- Indirect speech — in quotation marks
- Written text (e.g., words on posters) — in double quotes (as of book two)
- French phrases — italics

- Songs — in single quotes (e.g., 'Happy Birthday')
- Names of school subjects — not capitalized
- Sound words — italics (e.g. *ka-fump*)
- 'The' is capitalized in names of stories or companies