How to Catch a Star

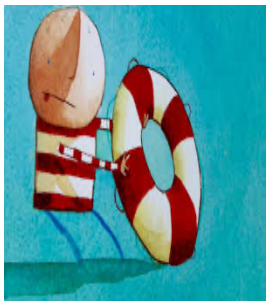
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Useful Information	
Author	Oliver Jeffers
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Other titles by this author	The Way Back Home, Stuck, Lost and Found, Up and Down, The Incredible Book Eating Boy

Tales Toolkit			
	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.

Phrases and repeated refrains from story text Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story	
Once there was a boy	washed up
a star of his very own	bright, golden sand
He waited and he waited	the prettiest star
out of reach	And that's the end of the story

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)	
sunrise	The moment each day when the sun can first be seen above the horizon and the colours of the sky and clouds change (light, dawn)
grab	To take hold of something quickly (grasp, seize, snatch)
lasso	A long rope with a sliding loop at the end for catching animals. (lariat)
lifebelt	A ring or belt that fastens around your waist to help you float (preserver, buoy, float)
floating	To rest on the top of water without sinking
jetty	A wooden platform built out into water (dock, pier, quay)



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