

Ronnie the Wreck Saves The Day



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Many years ago, Ronnie crashed at the Airfield. The damage was so bad that it would have cost too much to repair him. Instead, he was left where he was, just to one side of the runway. He's been there ever since. To most people, the only useful purpose Ronnie serves is to give the airfield firemen a chance to practise their fire drills.... but the other aeroplanes know better! Ronnie the Wreck is their friend, and even though the fire engines spray him with foam every day, he is always happy and smiling, and never complains.





One day, Ronnie was watching the other aeroplanes taking off and landing, as he always did. Suddenly, he noticed that something was wrong with Jasper Jetliner, who was coming in to land. Ronnie had watched all the aeroplanes take off and land so many times that he knew each one's technique by heart, and something was definitely wrong with Jasper's approach to land.

"Oh dear," thought Ronnie, "Jasper should have lowered his undercarriage by now. He must have forgotten. If he lands with his wheels up, he'll crash, and he could finish up a wreck like me."



Jasper was getting nearer and nearer to the runway and still his wheels were not down, but Ronnie didn't know how to warn Jasper. "Even if I shout, he'll never hear me above the noise of his jet engines," thought Ronnie. Just then, Ronnie noticed Cheeky Charlie Chopper, the helicopter. Charlie was practising his hovering nearby.

"Charlie, we have to stop Jasper landing," shouted Ronnie. "He's forgotten to put his wheels down. We have no time to lose!"





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