

ELINOR 'S TOWN

102 INTERSTITIAL: MS MOLE STORY TIME: OCTOPUS

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Follows "Hiding in Plain Sight"

Curriculum: The kids learn that Octopi can change color and shape to hide.

Learning Goals: LS2. Understand that animals have different body parts that are used in different ways to meet their needs - Animals have different shapes, patterns and colors to help them blend in with their surroundings and "hide"

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1. INT CLASSROOM -- DAY

Ms. Mole walks into frame, holding her story book. The kids (Elinor, Hazel, Ari, Mary, Liv, Kai, Sally) gather on the carpet in front of her.

1 MS MOLE 1
OK, kids! Who likes to play HIDE
AND SEEK?

2 ELINOR, HAZEL, MARY, LIV, ARI 2
(ad lib)
I do / Me! /It's my favorite!

3 MS MOLE 3
Well, today we are going to learn
about an animal that plays hide and
seek ... Under the water!

4 ELINOR, HAZEL, MARY, LIV, ARI 4
(ad lib)
Wow!/ Cool!/That's amazing.

Ms. Mole opens the book which reveals an ocean scene.

ANGLE ON: The book illustration animates.

We see an octopus swimming along the ocean.

5 MS MOLE (O.C.) 5
An octopus is very good at hiding.

6 ELINOR (O.C.) 6
Why does the octopus hide, Ms.
Mole?

7 MS MOLE (O.C.) 7
Good question, Elinor. Sometimes
the octopus needs to hide to stay
safe.

We see a friendly-looking shark swim by, it doesn't notice
the Octopus.

8 MS. MOLE (O.C.) 8
To stay safe, the octopus can
change the color of its skin to
look like the things around it.

We see the octopus change color once.

9 ELINOR, HAZEL, MARY, LIV, ARI (O.C.) 9
WHOOOOA!

10 MS MOLE (O.C.) 10
It can change into LOTS of
different colors and patterns.

The octopus changes back to its original color.

11 MS MOLE (CONT'D) 11
I SAID: Change into lots of
different colors and patterns.

The octopus reacts to Ms Mole and flashes through several
colors and patterns.

12 ELINOR, HAZEL, MARY, LIV, ARI 12
(ad lib)
Wow! / That's amazing / Ooh!

13 MS MOLE 13
It can also change its shape!

The octopus changes to look like a blob of nearby algae.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=19&v=PmDTtkZlMwM]

14 ARI (O.C.) 14
Wow! Can it look like a rock?

The octopus changes to look like a nearby rock.

15 ELINOR (O.C.) 15
Can it look like sand?

The octopus changes to look like the sea floor.

16 HAZEL (O.C.) 16
Can it look like a banana?

The octopus doesn't react.

BACK ON: the kids look at Hazel, puzzled.

17 HAZEL (CONT'D) 17
(giggling)
I just like bananas!

BACK ON: The book. The octopus tries its best to look like a
banana.

18 MS MOLE (O.C.) 18
Remember, kids, the best way to
hide in Nature is to look like the
things around you. We call that
'camouflage'. It makes you harder
to see!

