

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW116 INTERSTITIAL: MZ. MOLE STORY TIME: THE FROG CONCERT

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Curriculum: The kids learn that there are nearly 5,000 different kinds of frogs in the world, each with a unique song.

Learning Goals: LS1. Understand that all living things have external parts

LS2. Understand that animals have different body parts that are used in different ways to meet their needs, and that plants have different parts that help them survive and grow:

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1. EXT. RIVER BEHIND SCHOOL - DAY

Mz. Mole unexpectedly and excitedly runs through the scene past a group of children playing on the school playground (Elinor, Olive, Ari, Mary, Liv, Koa, Sally).

1 MZ. MOLE 1
It's starting! It's starting!

2 ELINOR 2
(Calling after her) Mz. Mole?
What's starting?

3 MZ. MOLE 3
The concert! Come along children!
We don't want to be late!

Giggling, the children chase after her. When they catch up with her, she is sitting by the edge of the river, holding a pop-up book with one hand and excitedly holding theater binoculars up to her eyes with the other hand. The children look down at the river and notice Mz. Mole is staring at a tiny spring peeper frog that is calling with its throat puffing out with a <SFX: PEEP, PEEP>.

4 ARI 4
Uhhh it's a frog.

5 MZ. MOLE 5
Exactly! Isn't it marvelous!

6 OLIVE 6
Where's the concert? Is Sr. Tapir
going to play for us?

7 MZ. MOLE 7
The concert is right here. The
frogs are going to sing for us.
Listen!

8 ARI 8
Wow! I didn't know frogs could
sing.

Elinor uses Mz. Mole's binoculars. BIN POV she sees a wood frog floating in the water and <SFX: WOOD FROG CROAKING> with ballooning vocal sacs.

BACK ON: Mz. Mole and the kids.

9 ELINOR 9
Mz. Mole, why is that frog puffing
up its throat like a balloon?

10 MZ. MOLE 10
Good question. That balloon you see
is called the vocal sac, and it
makes the frog's singing louder.

Mz. Mole brings up the pop-up book: a guide to the frog
orchestra. She opens the cover which reveals an image of a
different kind of frog on each page.

2. INT. BOOK - DAY

ANGLE ON: The book illustrations of frogs come to life. We
see an eastern gray tree-frog, a Goliath bullfrog and a coqui
frog.

11 MZ. MOLE 11
There are nearly 5,000 different
kinds of frogs. And they all have
their own unique sound, like
different instruments. Just listen.

As Mz. Mole names different species of frogs, we see and hear
them calling.

12 MZ. MOLE (CONT'D) 12
The eastern gray tree-frog.

<SFX: EASTERN GRAY TREE FROG CROAKING>

13 OLIVE 13
That one's so cute.

14 MZ. MOLE 14
The Goliath bullfrog.

<SFX: GOLIATH FROG CROAKING>

15 ELINOR 15
(in a low voice)
It sounds so low!

16 MZ. MOLE 16
And the loudest of them all, the
tiny but mighty coqui frog.

<SFX: COQUI FROG CROAKING>

17 ARI 17
Wow! That's a big sound for a
little frog!

BACK AT: The river. The children look over at Mz. Mole who is
holding a stick like a conductor's wand and waving it.

The camera pulls out a bit to reveal Sr. Tapir playing guitar along with the frogs.

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MZ. MOLE

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Welcome Señor Tapir! Everyone grab a wand! Let's conduct our very own frog concert.

The children all now have sticks and are pretending to conduct as we see and hear <SFX: A VARIETY OF FROGS> all calling throughout the river - the eastern grey tree frog, the Goliath Bullfrog, the Coqui frog <SFX: NOTE: other frogs calls could include the northern spring peeper, the wood frog, the western chorus frog, the green frog and the bullfrog - these frogs do not necessarily need to be designed>.

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MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

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Ha ha! See, Nature makes music, just like we do!

THE END.