

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW116 INTERSTITIAL: MZ. MOLE STORY TIME: FROG ORCHESTRA

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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 call.

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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Mz. Mole unexpectedly and excitedly runs through the scene past a group of children sitting by the pond (Elinor, Olive, Ari, Mary, Liv, Koa, Sally).

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

Giggling, the children chase after her. When they catch up with her, she is sitting by the edge of a pond and excitedly holding theater binoculars up to her eyes. The children look down at the pond 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>.

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

7 MZ. MOLE 7

It IS an orchestra. The frog
orchestra! And it's only just
beginning!

BACK ON: Mz. Mole and the kids.

8 ELINOR 8
Mz. Mole, why do frogs puff up
their throats like balloons?

9 MZ. MOLE 9
Good question. That balloon you see
is called the vocal sac, and it
makes the frog's call louder for
all to hear.

Mz. Mole pulls a booklet out of her pocket, a guide to the
frog orchestra. She opens the cover which reveals an image of
a different kind of frog on each page.

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

10 MZ. MOLE 10
There are nearly 5,000 different
kinds of frogs living all
throughout the world. And they all
have their own unique call, like
different instruments in a grand
orchestra. Just listen.

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

11 MZ. MOLE (CONT'D) 11
The eastern gray treefrog.

<SFX: EASTERN GRAY TREE FROG CROAKING>

12 OLIVE 12
That one's so cute.

13 MZ. MOLE 13
The Goliath bullfrog.

<SFX: GOLIATH FROG CROAKING>

14 ELINOR 14
It's so deep!

15 MZ. MOLE 15
And the loudest of them all, the
tiny but mighty coqui frog.

<SFX: COQUI FROG CROAKING>

16 ARI 16
Wow! Pretty loud for such a little
frog!

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

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MZ. MOLE

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Everyone grab a wand! Let's conduct
our very own frog orchestra.

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 pond - the northern spring peeper, the wood frog, the western chorus frog, the eastern gray treefrog, the green frog and the bullfrog.

THE END.