

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW 130 INTERSTITIAL: MZ. MOLE - BIRD SONAR

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FOLLOWS: ECHOLOCATION

CURRICULUM: Bats are not the only flying animal to use sonar. A small bird called a swiftlet uses echolocation to safely navigate around dark caverns.

LS2: Animals have different parts that help them grow and survive.

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1. EXT. FOREST -- SUMMER DAY

Elinor and Olive are on a walk through the forest with Mz. Mole. As they pass a rocky slope, five small birds suddenly fly past and into a cave where they disappear into the darkness. The kids are amazed.

1 ELINOR 1
Whoa! Why did those birds go into
that cave?

2 MZ. MOLE 2
They're flying home. They live in
that cave.

Perspective from inside the cave looking out at Elinor, Olive and Mz. Mole as they peer in.

3 OLIVE 3

But it's so dark in there. How do they know where to fly?

4 ARI 4

Helloooo!

Ari's voice <SFX: ECHOES HELLO> around the cave.

5 MZ. MOLE 5
Some animals are really good at
getting around in the dark. Instead
of using their eyes, they use their
ears.

ELINOR
How do they do that?

 MZ. MOLE
I'll show you!

Mz. Mole takes out her storybook and opens the front cover. CLOSE ON the storybook which shows a small bird called a swiftlet flying through the air.

2. THE STORYBOOK

The storybook comes to life in a pop-up book style of animation and the swiftlet flies through the air <SFX: CHIRPING>.

6 MZ. MOLE (V.O.) 6
This little bird is a swiftlet. It
is a very special bird that builds
its nest inside a dark cave.

11 ELINOR 11
Wow, it HEARS where to go!

12 OLIVE (V.O.) 12
Look! It has babies!

3. EXT. FOREST -- SUMMER DAY

14 ELINOR AND OLIVE 14
(together) Swiftlets are cool!

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