


# A VISIT TO A POND


## Learning about a healthy environment

A pond is one of the best places to observe a natural ecosystem in action. A healthy pond environment will be full of insects, fish, and amphibians. Birds and mammals will likely inhabit the surrounding area. You'll need nets, collecting buckets, plastic jars, and magnifying glasses.



Encourage children to:

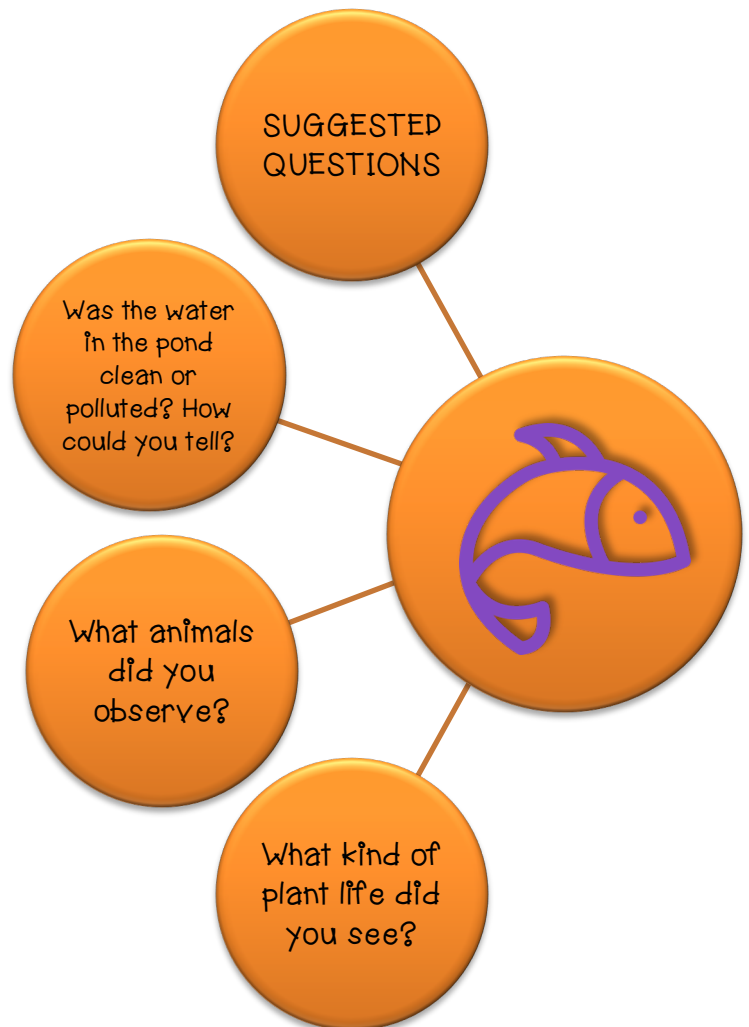
 Look for insects that live on the pond environment. Certain insects, like mayflies, need clean, well-oxygenated water. Clean bodies of water can sustain a wide variety of plant life.

 take samples and to record their observations, on paper or a cell phone or tape recorder.

## The Walking Song (for younger children)

You have to look, watch,  
Look all around.  
You have to look, watch,  
Look all around.  
You have to look on the ground.  
You have to look in the air.

You have to look,  
You have to watch,  
You have to look everywhere.



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