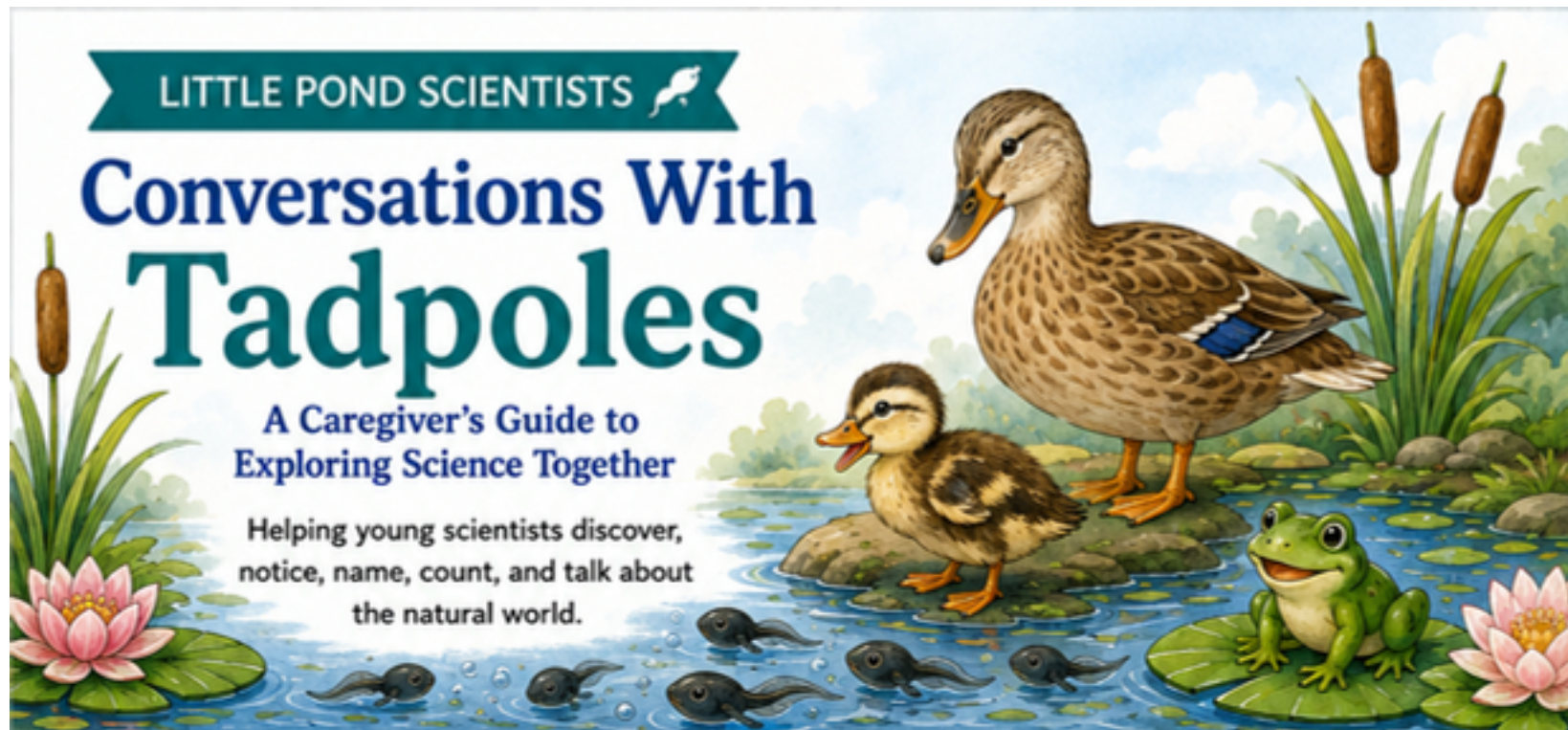


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Conversations With Tadpoles

A Caregiver's Guide to Exploring Science Together

Helping young scientists discover, notice, name, count, and talk about the natural world.



The Tadpole Mindset

Tadpoles are just beginning their science journey. They discover and talk about what they see.



DISCOVER

I explore and find new things.



NOTICE

I look closely and see details.



NAME

I name what I see.



COUNT

I count and talk about amounts.

How to Use This Guide



Talk together.

Use conversation starters to spark discussion.



Explore together.

Look closely at the pictures and read the text.



Think like scientists.

Encourage your child to notice, name, and ask questions.



Enjoy the journey.

There is no rush. Curiosity is the most important science tool!

Remember

Every child learns at their own pace.

Move between levels as needed.

Follow your child's curiosity.



Question Toolbox

Use these questions throughout any page!

What do you see?

Where is it?

What color is it?

Great scientists ask great questions!

How many are there?

What else do you see?

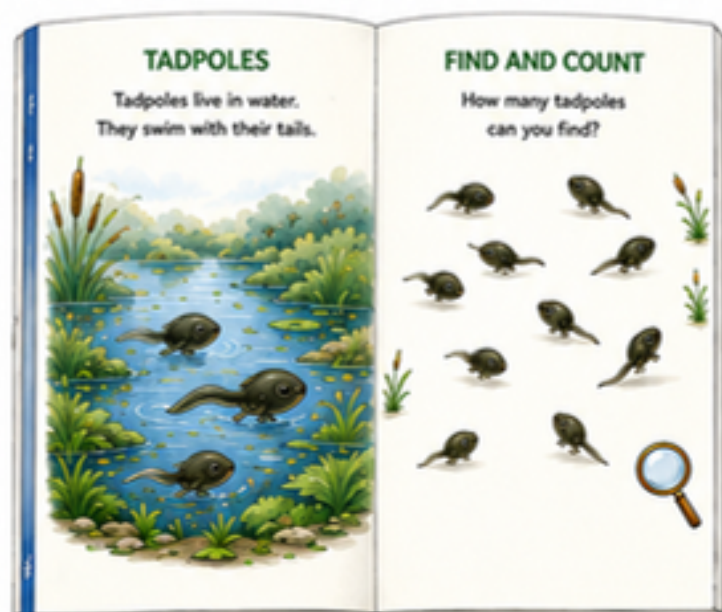
What is it?

What do you think it is?



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Using the Pages: An Example



Big Idea

Tadpoles are young frogs.
They live in water and swim with their tails.



Conversation Starters

- What do you see?
- Where are the tadpoles?
- How many tadpoles can you find?
- What else do you see in the pond?
- What color are the tadpoles?



Explore Together

- Go outside and look for tadpoles, if possible.
- Count the tadpoles together.
- Draw a picture of a tadpole.
- Read a book about frogs and tadpoles.



Science Talk Tip

Ask "what," "where," "what color," and "how many" questions to help your child describe and count what they see.

Extension Ideas



Go Outside

Look for tadpoles, frogs, lily pads, and other pond creatures.



Read More

Find books about frogs, ponds, and animals that live in water.



Create

Draw or paint a tadpole or pond scene.



Try It

Watch a tadpole or frog safely from a distance. What do you notice?



Keep the Conversation Going!

Celebrate curiosity. Encourage questions.
Explore together. Discover more!



Every great scientist begins with curiosity.
Thank you for exploring and discovering
with your young scientist!



Discover. Notice. Name. Count. Explore. That's what scientists do!