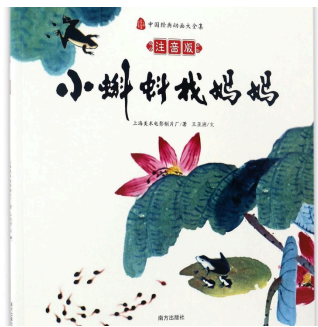


# 小蝌蚪找妈妈

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SPROUT 5  
Imagination

Glossary



This fifth box in the Sprout series introduces a longer book with Pinyin annotations, designed specifically to support elementary school children as they take their first steps towards independent reading. We selected this particular book because it is a beloved classic modern Chinese tale. As young readers progress through our series, tackling longer passages like this one becomes a natural next step in their reading journey, encouraging deeper engagement and expanding their reading skills.

Overview

As spring arrives, a mother frog lays her eggs in a pond. The tadpoles hatch and explore but realize they don't know their mother. They set out to find her, meeting various pond creatures along the way. After mistaking a goldfish and a crab for their mother, they finally meet a catfish who chases them away. Amidst the chaos, their real mother, the frog, arrives and reunites with them. She reassures them they will grow to resemble her. The story ends with the tadpoles growing into little frogs, learning new skills, and becoming protectors of their pond.

- Family: The tadpoles' search highlights the importance of family and maternal love.
- Perseverance: They keep looking for their mother despite setbacks.
- Identity: We all change as we grow.

涟漪 (ripples) - lián yī  
 慈姑 (arrowhead plant) - cí gū  
 附 (attach) - fù  
 珍珠 (pearl) - zhēn zhū  
 依依不舍 (reluctantly) - yī yī bù shě  
 莲梗 (lotus stem) - lián gěng  
 晶莹 (crystal-clear) - jīng yíng  
 嬉戏 (frolic) - xī xì  
 倏地 (suddenly) - shū de  
 慈祥 (kind) - cí xiáng  
 和蔼 (kindly) - hé ǎi  
 惊喜 (pleasantly surprised) - jīng xǐ  
 钻 (burrow) - zuān  
 弯腰 (bend over) - wān yāo

Follow-up  
questions

1 小蝌蚪们在寻找妈妈的过程中，遇到了哪些不同的动物？他们分别对小蝌蚪们说了什么？

During their search for their mother, what different animals did the tadpoles encounter? What did each animal say to the tadpoles?

2 青蛙妈妈和鸡妈妈是如何照顾她们的宝宝的？你觉得这两位妈妈有什么相似和不同的地方？

How did Frog Mom and Chicken Mom take care of their babies? What similarities and differences do you see between these two mothers?

3 小蝌蚪们最后是怎么找到妈妈的？青蛙妈妈见到宝宝们后说了什么？

How did the tadpoles finally find their mother? What did Frog Mom say when she saw her babies?