

# What Lives in the Water?

Discover aquatic invertebrates near you!

**Caution: Always supervise children near water.**

## Materials Needed:

Small fish net, cup, or shallow pan to scoop water. White plastic bin or other small container, white plastic spoon, ice cube tray for viewing and sorting, magnifying glass (optional).

## Instructions:

Step 1 Find water near you (pond or stream).

Step 2 With the help of an adult, scoop out some water from a shallow area with leaf litter or next to plants.

Pour several scoops of water into the larger container.

Let the water settle for the water to settle.

Step 3

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# Explore Aquatic Invertebrates

Water is needed for all life on Earth! Exploring tiny animals living in water near us is a fun way to explore the diversity of life at a different scale!

Some insect species begin life in the water before they become flying insects.