



Look Closely at a Bug

Take a magnifying glass outside and look for tiny insects.

Helps Your Child Grow



Scientific Inquiry

As your child observes insects with a magnifying glass, they practice gathering information and recording and describing observable details.

Steps

- If colorful insects catch your child's attention in picture books, take that interest outdoors for a nature observation.
- Bring a magnifying glass and a simple record sheet with prompts such as "Where did we find it?" "Does it have wings?" and "How many legs does it have?"
- Start with an insect your child already likes, such as an ant. Write "ant" on the sheet and set out to find one.
- Let your child be the guide. Look under a small rock, through the grass, and around a flower bed.
- When you find an ant, observe it without harming it. Use the magnifying glass to notice details such as six legs and two antennae, then record what you saw.
- If your child wants to continue, look for another insect and compare the new discovery with the first one.

Tips

- Follow your child's emotional response while observing insects. If they feel afraid, stay farther away and watch together. If excitement makes them want to grab an insect, remind them to look gently and treat living things with care.

Observations

- Uses a magnifying glass to examine an insect's features closely
- Wants to look for another insect after finishing a record