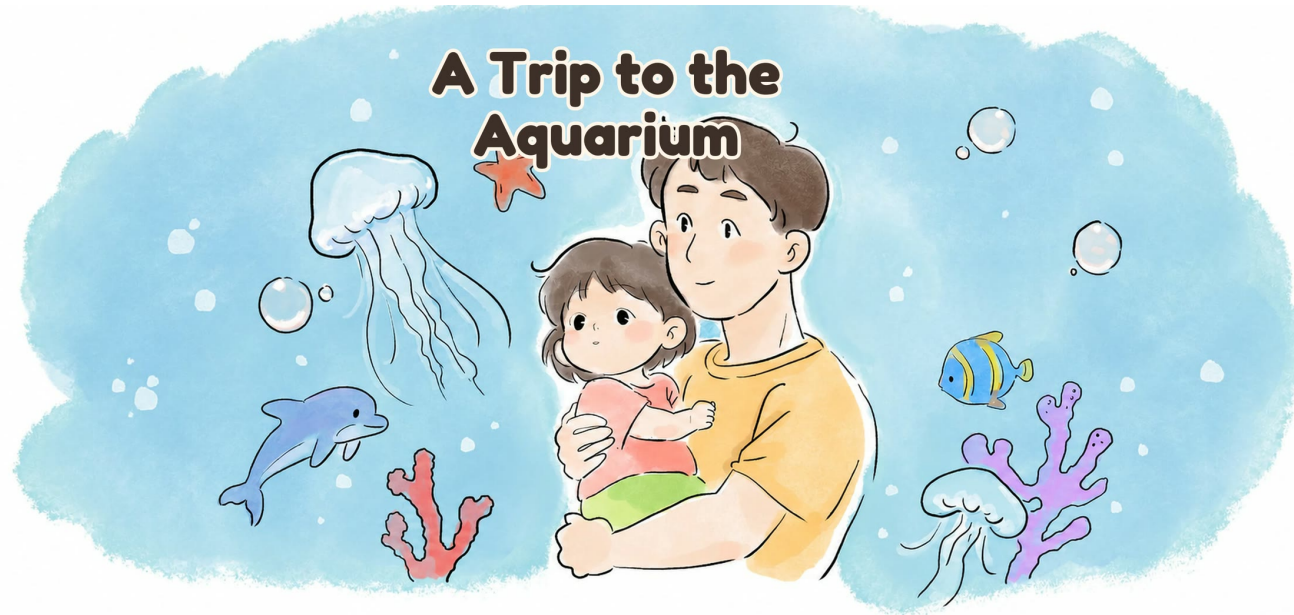




A Trip to the Aquarium

Follow your child's attention through the aquarium. Watch how animals move, copy an interesting action, and talk about what you see together.

Helps Your Child Grow



Attending and Understanding

Responding when an ocean animal captures your child's attention gives them practice listening and understanding within a meaningful shared exchange.

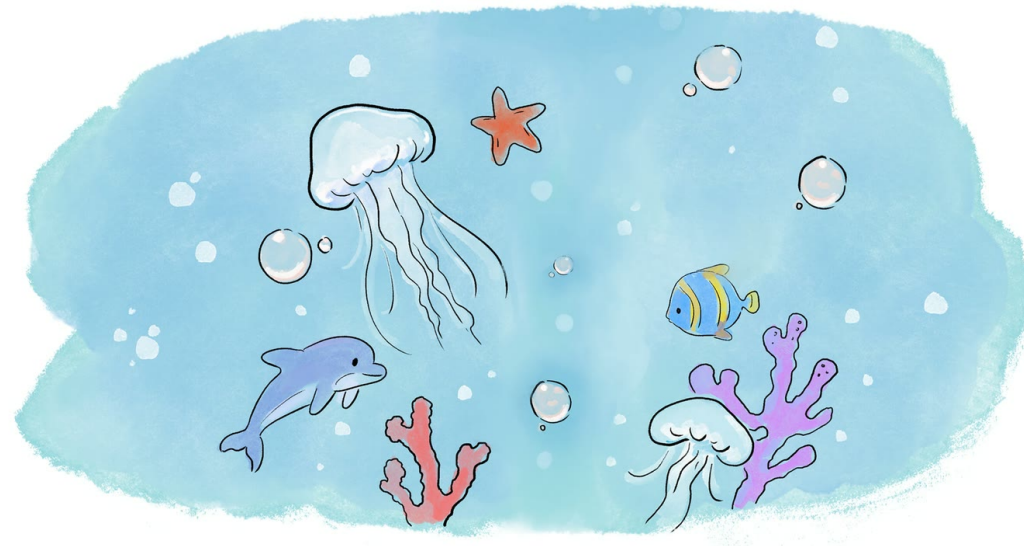


Initiative and Curiosity

Looking closely at an animal and copying one of its movements gives your child a motivating way to stay curious and engaged with something new.



What You'll Need



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New Friends at the Aquarium

Walk slowly and notice what catches your child's attention. When they stop at a tank, stay for a while and name one animal they are watching, such as a jellyfish.

Observations

- Looks curiously at the ocean animals in the tank
- Turns their gaze toward the jellyfish after hearing you say "jellyfish"

Tips

- If feeding begins, describe one clear action: "The big fish opens wide - chomp, chomp! It ate the food."
- If your child watches a jellyfish closely, greet it: "Hello, jellyfish! I'm here with my child." Then give the jellyfish a playful reply.



Jellyfish Swim

If the jellyfish still interests your child, watch it swim slowly. Add one short comment or question, then move your hand up and down like the jellyfish.

Observations

- Listens to you, looks at the jellyfish, and watches your movements
- Watches the jellyfish move up and down

Tips

- One movement or short phrase can highlight a feature. Move your hand like a jellyfish, or stretch the words as a turtle swims: "Sloowly swimming."
- Keep each explanation short. One clear feature is easier for your child to follow than a long description.



Walk Like a Penguin

If another animal catches your baby's attention, follow that interest instead of redirecting them. Look, talk, and move like the animal together. If they notice a penguin, for example, try a waddling penguin walk.

Observations

- Points to an animal that interests them and looks to you for information
- Copies your penguin walk

Tips

- Your child may look for only a few minutes before another animal becomes interesting. Follow the new focus.
- If there is a touch pool, invite your child to gently touch a starfish, sea cucumber, or another permitted animal. As they explore, say, "Slippery!" or "Soft!" Stay close and keep their hands away from their mouth.