

## SPRING AT THE POND



Jamie opened the bedroom window and looked outside. The air smelled fresh and warm. Spring was here! Jamie had waited all winter for this moment.

Jamie went downstairs. Jamie's father was eating breakfast in the kitchen. Jamie wanted to be a scientist just like him someday.

"Can I have a jar?" Jamie asked. "I want to collect water at the pond. I want to look at it under the microscope."

"I'll go with you if that's okay," Jamie's father said.

At the pond, the first flowers were blooming. A doe nibbled some fresh leaves. She watched them but did not run away. "She hasn't had a fawn yet, but she will soon," Jamie's father said.

They put water in the jar. They looked at it under their microscope. They saw snails and salamander larva. They saw water fleas and a whirligig beetle. Jamie made a list of the animals they found. Jamie loved springtime at the pond.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT *SPRING AT THE POND***

1. Jamie found babies of what animal at the pond?
  - a. deer
  - b. beetle
  - c. salamander
  - d. frog
  
2. What is Jamie's goal for the future?
  - a. visit the pond
  - b. become a scientist
  - c. eat breakfast
  - d. watch a deer
  
3. What does Jamie's father say about the doe?
  - a. She is hungry.
  - b. She is afraid.
  - c. She is big.
  - d. She will give birth soon.
  
4. What time of day is it in the story?
  - a. morning
  - b. noon
  - c. afternoon
  - d. evening
  
5. What can you tell about Jamie from the story?
  - a. Jamie is a boy.
  - b. Jamie is a girl.
  - c. Jamie is an adult.
  - d. None of this is clear from the story.

**Answers to *SPRING AT THE POND***

1. c
2. b
3. d
4. a
5. d