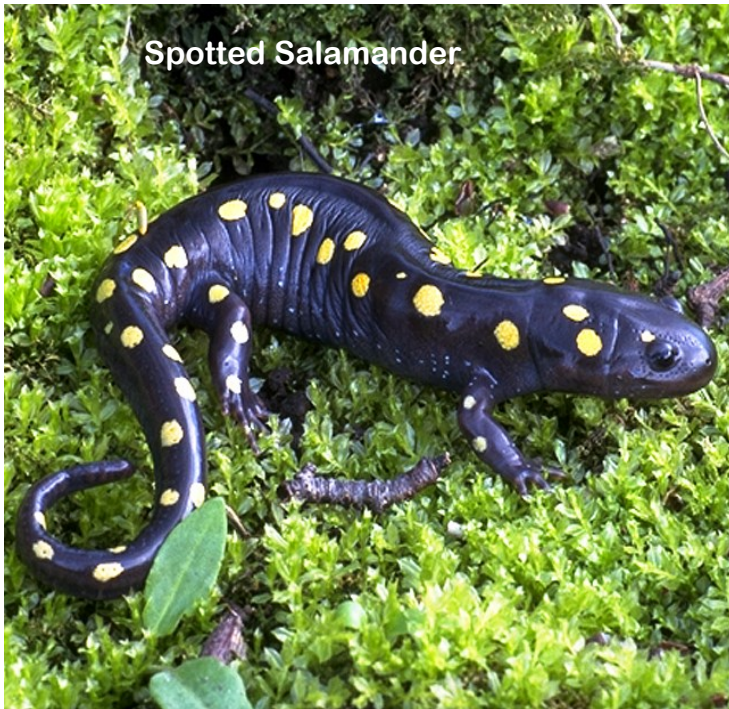




Create your own Vernal Pools Number Story

From the read aloud of “The Secret Pool” you learned about vernal pools and who lives in them. Now use what you learned and stretch your math brain to create some number stories. Have your family or friends try to solve them. Here is one to get you started:



Spotted Salamander



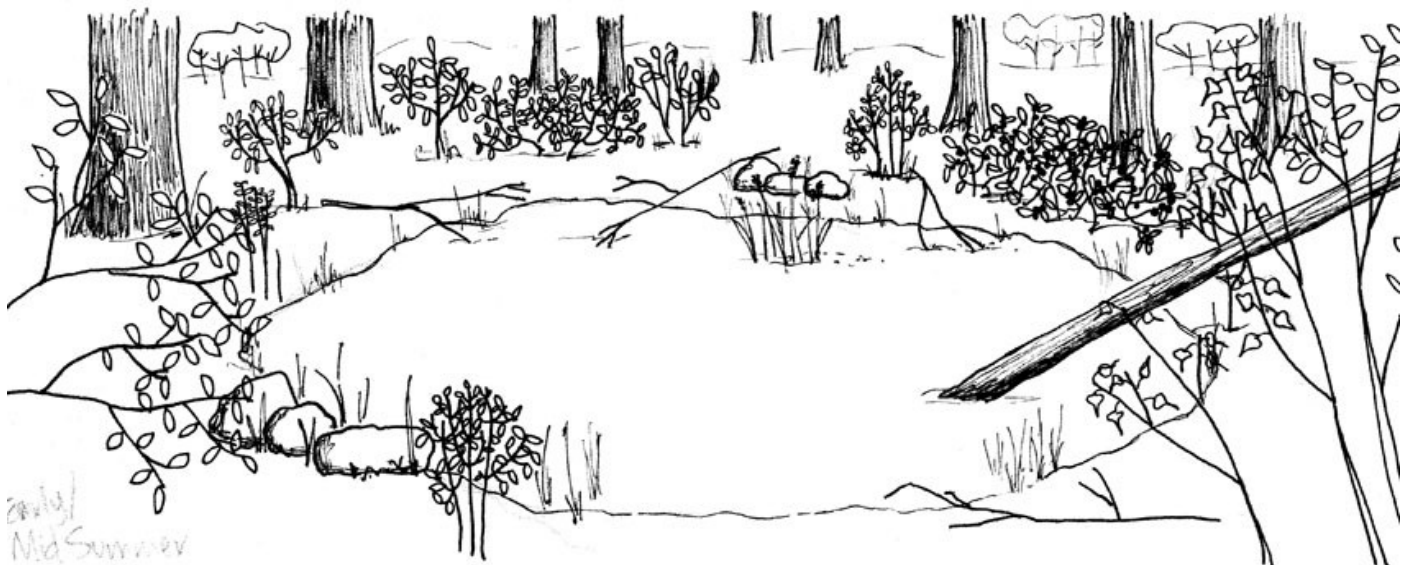
Fairy Shrimp



Wood Frog

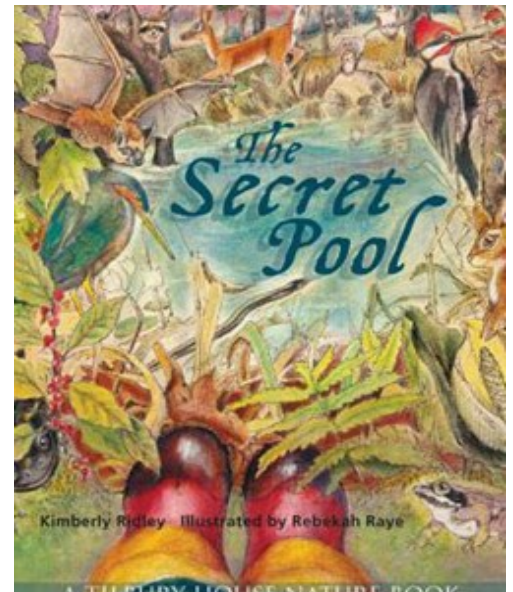
Five spotted salamanders went into the vernal pool to lay eggs. Later four wood frogs joined them in the vernal pool to lay their eggs. How many animals went into the vernal pool to lay eggs? Draw a picture and write a number sentence to solve your problem.

Use the vernal pool drawing below to help with your picture.





The Secret Pool



The Secret Pool holds many amazing things. Let's see what you remember from the story.

1. What 3 creatures are in the pool? _____,
_____, _____
2. What 2 colors are the salamanders? _____,

3. Why did the creatures go into the pool? _____
4. What is one thing the wood frog tadpole eats? _____
5. What time of day do the salamanders look for food?

6. The creatures need to grow a few things in order to live outside of the pool. What do they need? _____,

Beyond the story-

What do you think happens to the secret pool in the winter?

Write about your idea and draw a picture to go with your story.

Answers

1. wood frog, salamander, fairy shrimp
2. black with yellow polka dots
3. to lay eggs
4. algae
5. night time
6. legs, lungs