You can read *What Do You Do With A Tail Like This* in a way that highlights Making Connections, a Life Skill that promotes Executive Functions. This Life Skill is at the heart of learning—figuring out what’s the same and what’s different, and sorting these things into categories. Making unusual connections is at the core of creativity. In a world where people can Google for information, it is the people who can see connections who are able to go beyond knowing information to using this information well.

**TIP:**

As you read *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*, ask your child to guess what each body part does and match it to the animal before you turn the page.

**SKILL:**

When you ask children to come up with their own ideas, they are creating new connections between new and old information.

**TIP:**

Ask your child:

- “In what ways do animals use their noses in similar and in different ways?” Their ears? Their eyes? Their mouths? Their tails?”

**SKILL:**

In asking your child to look for similarities and differences, you are asking him or her to form larger categories, looking at information in new and creative ways, which promotes Executive Function skills.

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

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*What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* is an interactive book exploring the amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses and tails.

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