

# SEVEN ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS

## Skill Building Book Tips

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?”



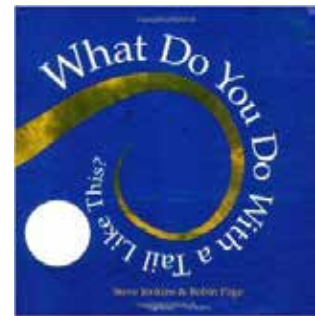
### SKILL:

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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