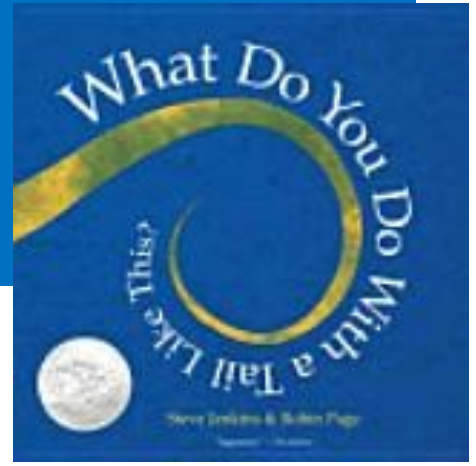


## Pre-K Essential Literature

### What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

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- Talk about gestures you can do with your eyes, tails, head, and mouth
- Talk about how the animals would feel if you could touch them.
- Make a list of things you can do with your arms and legs
- Act out other ways we can use our feet
- Match the animals' feet and beak to the correct animal.
- Pretend you are an elephant; what are some different ways to use your "nose" or trunk?
- Research the animals in the book. Compare how humans and these animals are the same in their movements and how are they different.
- Ask your child to describe how animals move? Why do their tails give away their movements and feelings?

### Tails in Action

- Invite your child to tie a strip around their waist to make a "tail". Have them to hide, only showing a portion of the tail for you to guess their animal. After this is done use a tape measure or yardstick to measure how long their tail is. Next let them measure their tail with their shoes.

### Animal Play

- Take pictures of animals and cut them into puzzle pieces. Allow the children to put the pieces together to make an animal. Mix the pieces again and allow them to make the animal again.
- Use some of your child's animal toys and pretend that you are in a jungle. Use the animals in various ways for pretend. Where do the animals live? What sound do they make?

### Do Animals Have Feelings?

- We all have feelings and respond to each in a different way. How do animals respond to emotions and feelings? Talk about the different ways animals express their feelings. Compare them to the way your child expresses theirs.
- ***What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?***, the author talks about the elephants' expression with its nose. Talk about different emotions that the elephant has and how they express their feelings.

### What Does This Do? (Science)

Animals use their body parts differently than humans. Name body parts and discuss what they do. Compare our uses of our parts with animals and the way they use each part.

# Looking beyond the cover: What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

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Steve Jenkins is the Acclaimed author and illustrator of numerous non fiction books for young readers, including *Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest*, winner of the 1999 Boston Globe– Horn Book Award for nonfiction, and the Caldecott Honor book with Robin Page, *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* In 2003 Steve was the honored recipient of the Washington Post Children’s Book Guild Award, presented to an author for contributions through a body of work to children’s nonfiction literature . His book *Life on Earth: The Story of Evolution* received several starred review and was a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year 2002, a Booklist Editor’s Choice 2002, and a 2003 Orbis Pictus Recommended Book. Know for his meticulous cut– paper collages, Steve credits his children as a constant source of inspiration for his books. Steve has collaborated with his wife, Robin Page, on several books *Animals Flight*, *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*



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