Mrs. Ligammari’s – Level B

**Big Question – How are animals different?**

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

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1. What do you do with a nose like this?
2. Of you’re a platypus, you use your nose to dig in the mud.
3. If you’re a hyena, you find you next meal with your nose.
4. If you’re an elephant, you use your nose to give yourself a bath.
5. If you’re a mole, you use your nose to find your way underground.
6. If you’re an alligator, you breathe through your nose while hiding under water.
7. What do you do with a tail like this?
8. If you’re a giraffe, you brush off pesky flies with your tail.
9. If you’re a skunk, you lift your tail t warn that a stinky spray is on the way.
10. If you’re a lizard, you break off your tail to get away.
11. If you’re a monkey, you hang from a tree by your tail.
12. If you’re a scorpion, your tail can give a nasty sting.
13. What do you do with feet like this?
14. If you’re a chimpanzee, you feed yourself with your feet.
15. If you’re a blue-footed booby, you can do a dance.
16. If you’re a water strider, you walk on water.
17. If you’re a gecko, you use your sticky feet to walk on the ceiling.
18. If you’re a mountain goat, you leap from ledge to ledge.
19. What do you do with a mouth like this?
20. If you’re a pelican, you use your mouth as a net to scoop up fish.
21. If you’re a mosquito, you use your mouth to suck up blood.
22. If you’re an egg-eating snake, you use your mouth to swallow eggs larger than your head.
23. If you’re an anteater, you capture termites with your long tongue.
24. If you’re an archerfish, you catch insects by shooting them down with a steam of water.

Questions to ask during reading:

1. After reading line 6, stop and ask: *what is the main idea of the pages we just read?* (what animals do with their noses)
2. After reading line 12, have your child tell how two animals use their feet. (Possible response: to brush away flies or to hang from a tree)
3. After reading line 18, ask your child: *How does the gecko and mountain goat use their feet in different ways?* (Possible answers: The gecko uses its feet to walk on ceilings. The goat uses its feet to leap on edges.
4. After line 20, say: *The authors compare the pelican’s mouth to a net. How are pelican’s mouth and a net alike?* (both can scoop up fish)
5. On line 21, ask *what animal is the authors are talking about*? (a snake that eats eggs) *How big are the are the eggs it swallows?* (bigger than its head)