

HOW TO CREATE A NEW CREATURE

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Creating a completely unique creature can be hard, but it's also a fun test of your creativity. Here are some things to think about during the creation process! If you ever get stuck, look at creatures we have on earth and in our mythology to glean inspiration.

TYPE

What type of creature is this? It can be a bug, a bird, a land beast, a sea creature—or something else entirely.

ENVIRONMENT

There are so many unique environments your creature can live in. Underground, in a forest or desert, under the ocean or in a lake, in swamps or mountainsides or grasslands, atop a volcano, or even space. Figure out where your story will take place and go from there.

LOOKS

Scaled, feathered, furry, slimy, starry, smoky—so many choices! How many legs does it have, if any? Does it have eyes, ears, a maw with thousands of teeth? The creature's type and environment can help narrow down its looks, but don't let the conventional choice stop you from being creative. After all, how interesting would it be to have a feathered creature deep under the ocean?

TEMPERAMENT

Is the creature gentle or vicious? Timid, sneaky, cunning?

DAILY LIFE

Think about things like what it eats (plants, meat, blood, rocks, etc.) and how it sleeps (curled up like cat, upside down like a bat, etc.). Does it live in solitude or in packs? Does it hunt for its food or is it more of a gatherer?

HISTORY & PEOPLE

What is its history with the people of the world? Is this creature feared, revered, rare? Or maybe it's a super common house pet. Can the people of your world use it as a beast of burden? Is it trainable?

UNIQUENESS

You're creating a totally new creature, so throw in something unique—maybe it spits acid, maybe it can use magic, maybe its fur is so matted no laser can pierce through its hide.

NAME

What is the creature called? I usually name the creature last, after I nail down the general shape of the beast.

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