

The Creature of Habit

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Synopsis: A very big creature with big teeth, big eyes, and very big feet lives on the island of Habit. Everyday the creature happily does the exact same things in the exact same order. A small creature arrives on the island. The big creature is excited to share his routine, but the small creature has ideas of his own. Can these two creatures learn to understand each other? Is the island big enough for both of them?

Suggested Reading Date: January (resolutions); September (routines)

Activity Descriptions:

- Make a list of "new things" to try in your community, your school, at home.
- Make a list of routine changes to try.
- Make a "creature feature" headband, like rabbit ears.
- Make your own "creature" using recycled items.
- Take an "Are You A Creature of Habit" quiz:
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Related Websites:

- Jennifer E. Smith: <https://www.jenniferesmith.com/>
- Leo Espinosa: <https://studioespinosa.com/>
- Creature of Habit Author Read Aloud with Jennifer E Smith (Brightly Storytime),
<https://youtu.be/AkbeDTtWEpk>
- The Creature of Habit activities:
<https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/h/bn-storytime/2022/3-5-The-Creature-of-Habit.pdf>

Text to Text Connections:

- *Dude!* by Aaron Reynolds & Dan Santat
- *The Duck Who Didn't Like Water* by Steve Small
- *Duck and Penguin Do NOT Like Sleepovers* by Julia Woolf
- *Something Beautiful* by Lita Judge

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