

# CREATE YOUR OWN ALIEN!

**RESEARCH** life on your own planet, use **REFERENCE** photos of animals to help you draw better details, and use your **IMAGINATION** to put it all together!

Combine three or more parts of Earth animals to create your own weird Alien creature.

EXAMPLE: Bird Head, insect antennae, Octopus Tentacles, Zebra Stripes.



Asking yourself these questions will help bring your alien to life!

\* **Is it intelligent or not?** Remember an intelligent alien would have to be a larger one to accommodate a big brain.

\* **How does it hunt or hide?** Some Earth creatures use horns or stingers to protect themselves, others protect themselves by evolving colors or patterns that would allow them to fade into their environment. Some creatures use all of these things for hunting as well as protection.

\* **Does it have all of the senses that you and I have? Which ones are strongest? How does it use its senses?**

Think of what aliens might look like if they have an advanced sense of hearing or smell. It could have a huge nose that can smell an object miles away, or it can have senses we know nothing about, light and colors that our eyes can't see.

\* **What is its environment like?** Does it fly or float? Does it live on the land or some strange sea? Underground? Jungles? Deserts? Frozen wastelands? Animals look very different if they evolve in strange surroundings. Their entire shape and texture might depend on where and how they live. Don't forget that adding **textures** (the creature's skin or surface) can make it believable. Does it have: feathers? Scales? Fur? Needles? Is it scaly? soft and cuddly or green and gooey?

\* You might want to write a story to accompany your Alien.

