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# Observation Notebook



## Create a Creature

Olga is a young scientist that discovers a new animal species she names *Olgamus Ridiculous*. In order to get to know this new creature, Olga makes observations in her journal. This creature she names 'Meh' has many unique and interesting characteristics. By observing Meh's behavior (what she likes/doesn't like, her appearance, the sounds and movements she makes, etc.), Olga figures out how to care for her, and even makes some guesses about where Meh came from!

You are going to create your own unique creature to observe and describe. Cut out pictures from catalogs or magazines that you think might work as parts of a creature, and assemble them on the next page. Feel free to draw in parts or use all collage! You could take the head of a fox from a magazine, and then draw the body of a fish, and add wings of a bird. Or use the body of a turtle with an eagle head and skunk tail. Let your imagination run wild! Once you have created your creature, move on to the observations page.

## \_\_\_\_\_ 's **One-of-a-Kind Creature**

## Observe Your Creature

Olga discovered an imaginary creature with unique and interesting characteristics. Describe the creature-pet that you created.

Olga found Meh in a trashcan. Where do you think you would find your creature?

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What does your creature sound like?

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What traits does your creature share with other animals? For example, Meh is the size of a small pig, has a long, skinny, hairless tail like a rat, and smells like sardines.

Trait	Animal that has the same trait

What would you feed your creature? Olga tried everything from cereal to foot lotion trying to feed Meh.

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What makes this creature unique?

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What makes your creature excited?

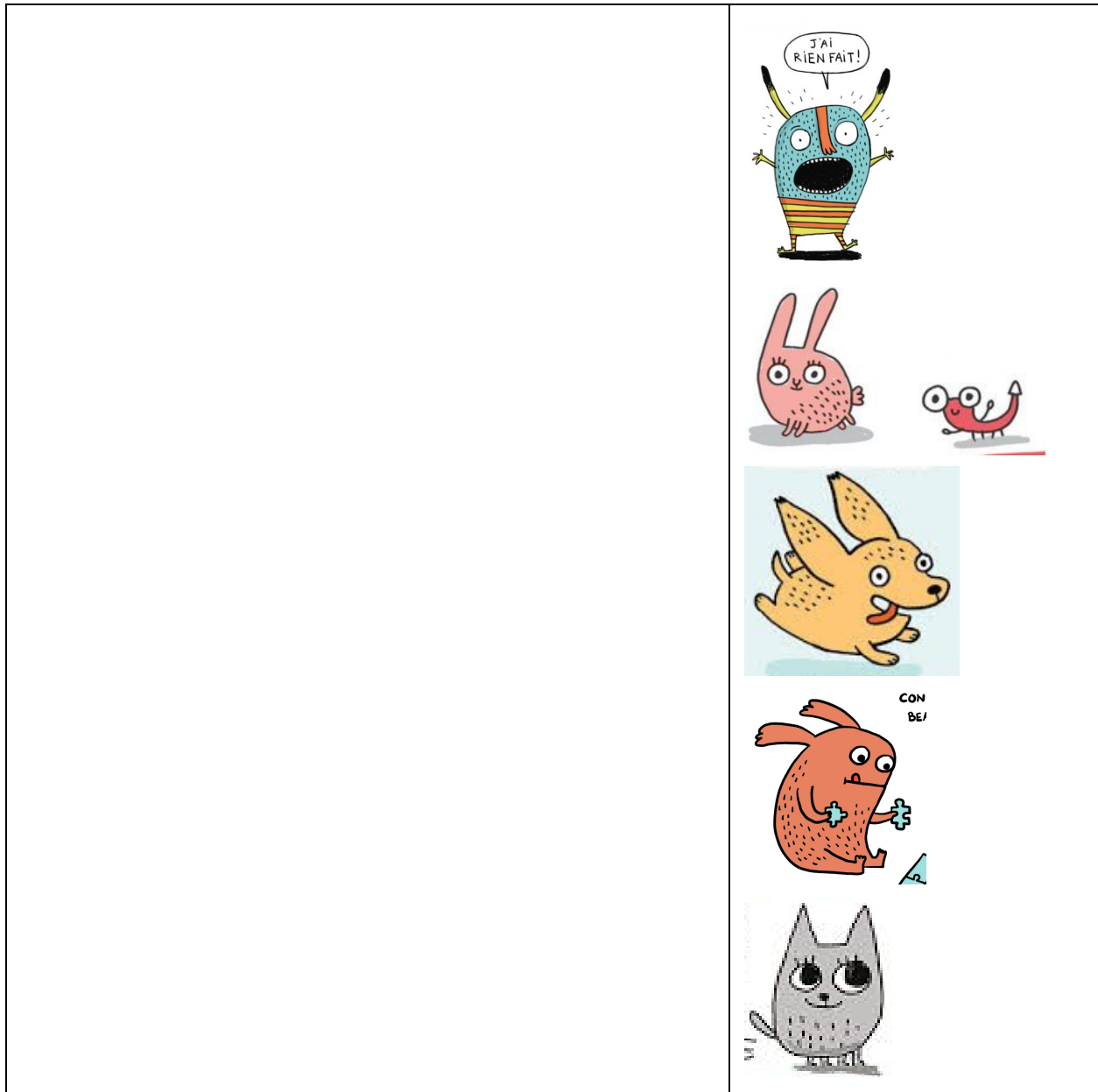
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Anything your creature is scared of? (Like Meh is scared of bananas.)

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## Wanted: A Friend

Watch the following short video featuring author/illustrator Elise Gravel drawing some of her creatures (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiKIXVWM198>) . Sketch a few ideas for creatures that might make good companions for Meh or your creature. You can also cut out pictures from old magazines, newspapers, or catalogs to add parts to your creature.



# OLGA AND THE SMELLY THING FROM NOWHERE

## WORD SEARCH

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Observation

Bip Bibop

Mr Hoopah

Olgamus

Ridiculous

Shalala

Ms Swoop

Olives

Mister

Farla

Chuck