creature Apresyan (En-Ru)

['kri:t∫ə] *n*

1. создание, творение, живое существо

creatures from outer space - существа из космоса, инопланетяне all creatures great and small - все твари, большие и малые (люди и животные)

2. 1) человек, создание (обыкн. с эпитетом)

lovely creature - прелестное создание (обыкн. о женщине)

poor creature - бедное /жалкое/ создание

good creature - доброе создание, добрая душа

not a creature would help him - ни одна душа не хотела помочь ему

- 2) обыкн. презр. тварь
- 3. 1) тварь; животное
- 2) амер. домашнее животное
- 4. креатура, ставленник, слепой исполнитель, орудие в (чьих-л.) руках
- 5. (the creature) *шутл.* спиртные напитки, *особ.* виски

creature

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crea·ture [creature creatures] BrE ['kri□t□ə)[r NAmE ['kri□t□ə]r noun

- 1. a living thing, real or imaginary, that can move around, such as an animal
 - The dormouse is a shy, nocturnal creature.
 - respect for all living creatures
 - · strange creatures from outer space
- 2. (especially following an adjective) a person, considered in a particular way
 - · You pathetic creature!
 - She was an exotic creature with long red hair and brilliant green eyes.
 - He always goes to bed at ten—he's a creature of habit (= he likes to do the same things at the same time every day).

I diomscreature of somebody = †somebody's creature

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'something created'): via Old French from late Latin creatura, from the verb creare 'to produce'.

Thesaurus:

creature noun C

The dormouse is a shy creature.

animal • • being • • thing • |old-fashioned formal beast • |formal biology organism •

- a living creature/animal/being/thing/organism
- a strange creature/animal/being/beast
- a mythical creature/beast

Example Bank:

- · Dogs are more social creatures than cats.
- · I dreamt of evil creatures who were trying to catch me.
- I its awesome to see these magnificent creatures in flight.
- The newborn young are helpless creatures and easy prey for birds.
- These timid little creatures exude a pungent smell when threatened.
- Woodland creatures such as foxes and owls are increasingly common in towns.
- a strange creature from another planet
- the wild creatures of the forest
- Goblins and other dangerous creatures lurked inside the cave.
- He always goes to bed at ten— he's a creature of habit.
- She was a sociable creature; she liked people.
- · We share the land with all living creatures and have a duty to preserve its riches.
- · a complex/unhappy/sociable creature
- a poor/pathetic/sad/charming creature

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crea ture W3 /'kri □t □\$ -ər/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Late Latin creatura, from Latin creare; ⇒ ↑create]

1. LIVING THING anything that is living, such as an animal, fish, or insect, but not a plant:

all the living creatures in the sea

creatures of the deep (=animals and fish that live in the ocean)

- 2. IMAGINARY OR STRANGE an imaginary animal or person, or one that is very strange and frightening:
 - creatures from outer space
- 3. a creature of habit someone who always does things in the same way or at the same time
- **4. SOMETHING MADE OR INVENTED** formal something, especially something bad, that was made or invented by a particular person or organization

creature of

- The poll tax was a creature of the government.
- 5. SOMEBODY CONTROLLED BY SOMETHING someone who is controlled or influenced a lot by something

creature of

- He was a creature of the military government.
- 6. beautiful/stupid/adorable etc creature literary someone who has a particular character or quality:

He was the most beautiful creature Dot had ever seen.

. . . **COLLOCATIONS**

- ADJECTIVES/NOUN + creature
 - a living creature The early Greeks believed that plants were living creatures that felt pain and pleasure.
 - a little/small/tiny creature tiny creatures such as mice
 - **a beautiful/magnificent creature** The buffalo is a magnificent creature.
 - **a wild creature** Damage to the environment affects all wild creatures.
 - a sea/marine creature (also an ocean creature) The first living creatures were marine creatures.
 - a furry creature Town dwellers see the squirrel as a cute furry creature, but to farmers they're a pest.
 - a dangerous creature dangerous creatures such as tigers
- a nocturnal creature (=awake at night and sleeping in the day) As darkness falls, nocturnal creatures begin to make an appearance.
- a primitive/simple creature (=one with only a few cells) primitive creatures like bacteria
- **a complex creature** (=consisting of many different parts) Human beings are extremely complex creatures.

THESAURUS

- animal a living thing such as a dog, cow, or tiger, but not an insect, fish, or bird: farm animals such as cows, sheep, and pigs | People are becoming more concerned about animal welfare.
- creature /'kri□t□\$ -er/ an animal used especially when describing a particular animal's characteristics or when referring to animals generally: The cheetah is a magnificent creature. I all the living creatures in the sea
- beast an animal, especially a large or dangerous one: To most people, lions are savage beasts. I a wild beast
- living thing an animal considered as one of a group of things that grow and then die, including humans and plants: The only living things we saw were dogs and cats.
- species /'spi□□i/□a group of animals whose members are similar and can breed together to produce young animals: Seven species of birds of prev have been observed.
- mammal an animal that drinks milk from its mother's body when it is young: Humans, dogs, and whales are all mammals.
- vertebrate a living creature that has a backbone: viruses that affect chickens, monkeys, and most other vertebrates
- invertebrate a living creature that does not have a backbone: earthworms and other small invertebrates

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