

# LIVING THINGS



## INTRODUCTION

Living things are plants, animals, and microorganisms that are alive. They all need basic things to stay alive, such as food, water, and air. Living things grow, move, and reproduce in different ways. Some living things are very small, like bacteria, while others are much larger, like elephants. All living things share certain characteristics that make them alive.

## WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LIVING THINGS

Living things have certain characteristics. They grow, breathe, eat, reproduce, and respond to their environment. For example, animals eat food to get energy, plants use sunlight to make food, and both animals and plants reproduce to create new life. These characteristics help living things survive and grow.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF LIVING THINGS

There are many different types of living things. Some living things, like plants, can live without moving. Animals, on the other hand, usually move around to find food and shelter. Some living things are tiny, like bacteria, while others, like trees, are very large. Every living thing has its own way of surviving and growing.

## HOW LIVING THINGS REPRODUCE

All living things can reproduce, which means they can make new life. Plants reproduce by producing seeds that grow into new plants. Animals reproduce by having babies. Some animals lay eggs, while others give birth to live young. Reproduction helps keep different species of plants and animals alive for future generations.

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### EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What do all living things need to stay alive?
2. What is one characteristic of living things?
3. Which of these is a living thing?
4. How do animals get energy?
5. Which of these is an example of a living thing that does not move?