

Living or Not Living?

Name _____

Date _____

Living things usually...

Does it need food or water? Living things take in food or water.

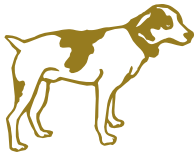
Does it need air? Living things need air.

Does it grow and change? Living things grow and change by themselves.

Can it make more like it? Living things make more living things.

These are **clues**, not rules. A plant does not eat the way an animal does, and not every living thing has babies.

Circle the right answer under each picture.



dog

living ☐ ☐ not living



cat

living ☐ ☐ not living



bird

living ☐ ☐ not living



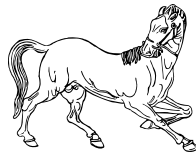
butterfly

living ☐ ☐ not living



child

living ☐ ☐ not living



horse

living ☐ ☐ not living



chair

living ☐ ☐ not living



ball

living ☐ ☐ not living



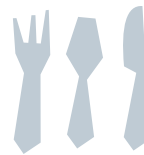
book

living ☐ ☐ not living



cup

living ☐ ☐ not living



spoon

living ☐ ☐ not living



key

living ☐ ☐ not living



car

living ☐ ☐ not living



sun

living ☐ ☐ not living



tree

living ☐ ☐ not living



flower

living ☐ ☐ not living

Living or Not Living? - Harder

Name _____

Date _____

Living things usually...

Does it need food or water? Living things take in food or water.

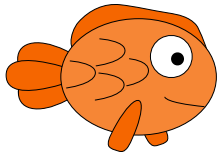
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Does it grow and change? Living things grow and change by themselves.

Can it make more like it? Living things make more living things.

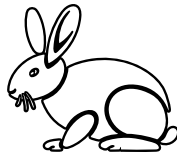
These are **clues**, not rules. A plant does not eat the way an animal does, and not every living thing has babies.

Careful: some things move but are not alive, and some living things do not move.



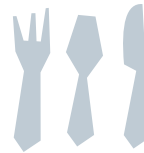
fish

living ☐ ☐ not living



rabbit

living ☐ ☐ not living



spoon

living ☐ ☐ not living



ball

living ☐ ☐ not living



cup

living ☐ ☐ not living



snail

living ☐ ☐ not living



mushroom

living ☐ ☐ not living



potted plant

living ☐ ☐ not living



grass

living ☐ ☐ not living



bicycle

living ☐ ☐ not living



clock

living ☐ ☐ not living



wind-up toy

living ☐ ☐ not living



cloud

living ☐ ☐ not living



waves

living ☐ ☐ not living

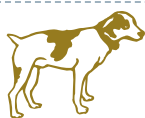
Cut and Sort

Name _____ Date _____

Cut out the pictures. Glue each one in the right column.

Living**Not living**

----- cut along the line -----



dog



bird



chair



key



tree



cactus



car



fan



robot



flower



horse



book

Once Part of Something Alive

Name _____ Date _____

Read this first

Some things that are **not living** were once **part of something that was alive**. A wooden chair is not alive - but the wood came from a tree, and the tree was.

All of these are non-living. Tick the ones that were once part of something alive.



wooden chair

☐

paper

☐

cotton shirt

☐

leather shoe

☐

log

☐

pencil

☐

bread

☐

Is a Flame Alive?

Name _____

Date _____



Talk about it first. Then write what you think.

Fire is tricky. Look what it seems to do:

It eats it burns up wood

It grows a small fire gets bigger

It needs air it goes out without it

It spreads a spark starts another fire

Is a flame alive? What do you think?

For the teacher: Fire can spread and move, and it needs air - which is why it fools people. But fire is not alive: it never grows from a baby, and it cannot have young of its own.

Answer Key

Sheet 1 — Kindergarten sort

dog – living

It eats, grows, moves on its own and has puppies.

cat – living

It eats, grows and has kittens.

bird – living

It eats, grows and lays eggs.

butterfly – living

It grows - it was a caterpillar first.

child – living

People eat, grow and need air and water.

horse – living

It eats grass, grows and has foals.

chair – non-living

It never eats, grows or has babies. Someone made it.

ball – non-living

It only moves when someone kicks or throws it.

book – non-living

It does not eat, grow or breathe.

cup – non-living

It was made in a factory. It cannot grow.

spoon – non-living

It never grows or changes by itself.

key – non-living

Someone made it. It cannot grow or have babies.

car – non-living

It moves, but only because a person drives it. It cannot grow or have baby cars.

sun – non-living

The sun gives us light and heat, but it is not alive. It does not eat, grow or have babies.

tree – living

A tree does not walk, but it grows, drinks water and makes seeds.

flower – living

It grows from a seed, drinks water and makes new seeds.

Sheet 2 — Grade 1 sort

fish – living

It eats, grows and breathes with its gills.

rabbit – living

It eats, grows and has babies.

spoon – non-living

It never grows or changes by itself.

ball – non-living

It only moves when someone kicks or throws it.

cup – non-living

It was made in a factory. It cannot grow.

snail – living

A snail moves very slowly, but it eats, grows and has babies.

mushroom – living

It grows and makes more mushrooms. It is alive.

potted plant – living

It does not walk, but it grows and needs water and air.

grass – living

Grass grows and needs water and air. It is alive.

bicycle – non-living

It only moves when someone pedals it.

clock – non-living

The hands move, but the clock is not alive. A battery or spring makes them move.

wind-up toy – non-living

It moves all by itself for a while, but a spring makes it go. It does not eat or grow.

cloud – non-living

Clouds move across the sky, but the wind moves them. They do not eat, grow or have babies.

waves – non-living

Waves move all day, but the wind pushes the water. Water does not eat or grow.

Once part of something alive — all of them

wooden chair – yes

Made from a tree. The tree was living; the chair is not.

paper – yes

Made from wood, which came from a living tree.

cotton shirt – yes

Cotton grows on a plant.

leather shoe – yes

Leather comes from an animal's skin.

log – yes

A log is part of a tree that was cut down.

pencil – yes

The wooden case came from a tree.

bread – yes

Made from wheat, which is a growing plant.