## **Living Things**

## **Characteristics of Living Things**

Living things include plants, animals and people. They have special features that make them different from things that are not alive, like rocks or toys.

One of these features is being able to grow and change over time. Just like how you grow taller and learn new things every day, living things also grow and change in their own ways. Another feature is being able to respond to stimuli. For example, if it's too hot outside, you might sweat to cool down. Animals also have ways of responding to their surroundings, like a bird flying away if it senses danger.

Another feature of living things is that they can move. Animals can run, jump, and swim, while plants can grow their roots towards water and their leaves towards the sunlight. Living things also breathe and need energy to live and survive. Plants get energy from the sun, while animals eat food for energy. Just like how you need food to stay healthy and strong, living things also need energy to keep going.

Lastly, living things can reproduce, which means they can make babies or create new plants.

Cut and paste to match the characteristics of living things to the correct pictures.



