

Living Things

Characteristics of Living Things

Living things include plants, animals and people. They have special characteristics that set them apart from things that are not alive, like rocks or clouds.

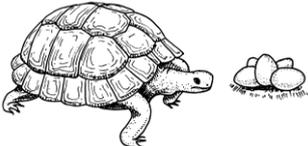
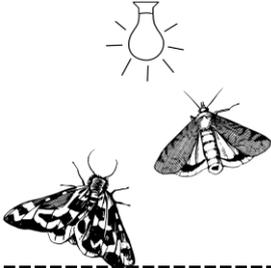
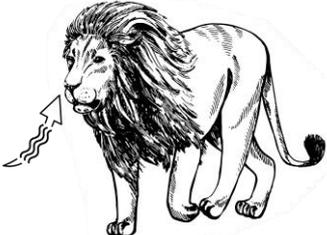
One of these characteristics is being able to grow and change over time. Living things grow and change in unique ways. Another characteristic of living things is being able to respond to stimuli in their environment. For example, if it's too hot outside, our bodies might sweat to cool down. Animals also have ways of responding to their surroundings, like a bird flying away if it senses danger.

Another characteristic 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 through a process called photosynthesis, while animals eat food for energy.

Lastly, living things can reproduce. Some animals lay eggs, while others give birth to live young. Plants drop seeds.



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

Breathe			Grow
	Reproduce	Respond to Stimuli	
Move			