

Living Beings and Non-Living Things

Explore Green World System - Environmental Studies - Class 3

When we look around, we see many things. Some things are alive while others are not. To understand the world better, it is important to know the difference between **living beings** and **non-living things**.

What are Living Beings?

Living beings are those that are alive. They can grow, breathe, eat, reproduce, and respond to their surroundings. Examples of living beings include:

- *Animals like birds, cats, and fish*
- *Plants like trees, flowers, and grasses*
- *Humans*

Characteristics of Living Beings:

- **Growth:** Living things grow in size and strength.
 - **Respiration:** They breathe to get energy.
 - **Reproduction:** They can have babies or new plants.
 - **Movement:** They can move themselves or some parts.
 - **Sensitivity:** They react to changes around them, like light, heat, or sound.
 - **Nutrition:** They eat food to get energy.
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What are Non-Living Things?

Non-living things are not alive. They do not grow, breathe, or reproduce. They cannot respond to the environment.

- *Rocks*

- *Toys*
- *Water*
- *Cars*
- *Books*

Characteristics of Non-Living Things:

- They do not grow.
 - They do not breathe.
 - They cannot reproduce.
 - They do not respond to changes.
 - They do not need food.
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Examples to Understand:

*Look at the picture of a **dog** and a **rock**:*

The dog moves, eats, breathes, and can have puppies — so it is living.

The rock stays still, does not eat, and does not grow — so it is non-living.

Let's Try!

Exercises:

1. List 5 living beings you see around you right now.
2. List 5 non-living things in your room.
3. Which of these can grow: a tree, a bicycle, a cat, a book?
4. Do plants breathe like animals? Think and answer.

Remember: Living beings keep our world full of life and color. They need care and love just like us! Non-living things help us in many ways but they don't have life inside them.

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