

Living and Nonliving Things in Nature

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Name: _____ Date: _____

READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

Nature is full of many things. Some things are living. Living things grow and move. They need food and water to live. Plants are living things. They grow from seeds. Trees, flowers, and grass are plants. Animals are living things too. Birds, bugs, and squirrels are animals. They move around and eat food. Some things in nature are nonliving. Nonliving things do not grow or move by themselves. Rocks are nonliving. Water is nonliving. Dirt and sand are nonliving. The sun and clouds are nonliving too. When you go outside, you can find both living and nonliving things. You might see a tree next to a rock. You might see a butterfly near a stone. All of these things make nature interesting and beautiful.

Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.

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Questions

⇒ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. Name two examples of living things mentioned in the passage.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'living' mean in this passage?

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think plants need water?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens when a seed grows?

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

The passage is mostly about the difference between living and nonliving things found in nature.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. Name two examples of living things mentioned in the passage.

Two examples of living things are plants and animals, such as trees and birds.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'living' mean in this passage?

Living means things that grow, move, and need food and water to stay alive.

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think plants need water?

Plants need water because the passage says living things need food and water to live, and plants are living things.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens when a seed grows?

When a seed grows, it becomes a plant like a tree, flower, or grass.

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. Give one example of a nonliving thing from the passage.

One example of a nonliving thing is a rock, water, dirt, sand, the sun, or clouds.