

IS IT **LIVING** OR **NONLIVING?**



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INVESTIGATION: IS IT LIVING OR NONLIVING?

Your family just got a new puppy!
How do you take care of it? You feed it.
You give it water. Food and water will help
the puppy grow. It may someday have its
own puppies! A puppy is a living thing.





What if you have a pet rock? Will it eat food and drink water? Will it grow? Will it have baby rocks? If you said no, you're right! Rocks are not living things.

Now let's do an **investigation**.

Grab a piece of paper and a pencil.

Draw a line down the middle of the paper. On one side write, "living."

On the other side write, "nonliving."

Go outside. Make **observations**.

Think about the puppy and the rock.

What needs water? What grows?

Draw pictures of three things you think are living. Then label them. Draw pictures of three things you think are nonliving. Then label them.



HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IS LIVING?

At first you may think that what moves is a living thing. A puppy moves! It's a living thing! Water moves. But it is not a living thing. A car moves. But it is not a living thing.





There are also living things that don't move. Think about mushrooms in a forest. Or think about coral deep in the sea. Living things have other **traits** besides movement. Let's learn about them!