

Living or Not Living?

Kindergarten

The test scientists actually use, in words a five-year-old can apply.

LIVING

- Grows bigger over time
- Needs food or water
- Can make more of itself
- Reacts when something changes
- A dog, a tree, you, a worm

NOT LIVING

- Stays the same size
- Needs nothing
- Cannot make more of itself
- Does not react on its own
- A rock, a chair, a toy, water

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

A car moves and drinks fuel but cannot grow or make baby cars — so it is not living.

Ask three things: does it grow, does it need food, can it make more of itself?