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Living and Non-living Things

Discover the World of Living and Non-living Things!

DEFINITION

> Living things are organisms that grow, reproduce, and respond to their environment. Non-living things do not have life and cannot perform these functions.

KEY CONCEPTS

Characteristics of Living Things

Living things grow, need food and water, breathe, reproduce, and respond to stimuli.

Examples of Living Things

Plants, animals, and humans are all examples of living things that exhibit life.

Characteristics of Non-living Things

Non-living things do not grow, reproduce, or respond to the environment.

Examples of Non-living Things

Rocks, water, and toys are examples of non-living things that do not have life.

Interdependence

Living and non-living things interact; for example, plants need water (non-living) to grow.

EXAMPLES

→ A cat is a living thing.

→ A chair is a non-living thing.

→ Trees need sunlight and water to live.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'L' for Living and 'N' for Non-living.

★ Think of 'GROW' for Living: Grow, Reproduce, Oxygen, Water.

★ Use the acronym 'LIFE' to recall Living: Living, Interact, Food, Energy.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing non-living things with dead living things.

✗ Thinking that all things in nature are living.

✗ Forgetting that non-living things can be essential for living things.

QUICK RECAP

Living things grow, reproduce, and respond to their environment, while non-living things do not. Understanding the differences helps us appreciate our world better. Remember to identify examples of both types!