What Living Things Need

Grade 1

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Every living thing needs **food**, **water**, **air** and a **place to live**.
These are **needs**. A toy is a **want**, not a need.



four needs

1 Need or want?

Tick the box beside every **need**.

- ☐ food
- ☐ water
- ☐ air to breathe
- ☐ a place to live
- ☐ a video game
- ☐ a bicycle
- ☐ sweets
- ☐ a new toy

2 Match them up.

Draw a line from the need to the reason we have it.

Food	**gives us energy to grow**
Water	**we drink it every day**
Air	**we breathe it in and out**
A place to live	**keeps us safe and warm**

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3 Finish the sentence.

Use a word from the word bank.

WORD BANK

roots sunlight shelter food

1. A plant takes in water through its _____.
2. A plant needs _____ to make its own food.
3. A nest is the _____ a bird builds for its eggs.
4. Animals must eat _____ because they cannot make their own.

4 Where do they live?

Write where each animal lives.

1. A fish lives in _____.
2. A bird lives in a _____.
3. A rabbit lives in a _____ under the ground.

5 Draw it.

Draw one thing **you** need and one thing you only want.

Something I need	Something I want

Answer Key

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What Living Things Need — Grade 1 Science, Needs and Characteristics of Living Things

1 Need or want?

Tick: **food, water, air to breathe, a place to live**.

Leave blank: a video game, a bicycle, sweets, a new toy.

2 Match them up.

Food → **gives us energy to grow**

Water → **we drink it every day**

Air → **we breathe it in and out**

A place to live → **keeps us safe and warm**

3 Finish the sentence.

1. **roots** 2. **sunlight** 3. **shelter** 4. **food**

4 Where do they live?

1. **water** 2. **nest** 3. **burrow** (accept hole or tunnel)

5 Draw it.

Answers vary. A need should be food, water, air, shelter, clothing or safety. A want is anything else.