

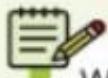
CHAPTER

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# Things Around Us

Look at the picture.

Recall what you have learnt in Stage I about living things and things that have never been alive.



Write two words each to describe the water and the cow.

Water:

liquid  
living

Cow:

flow  
animal

## Thinking cap

What happens when a living thing dies?  
Does it become a non-living thing?



They become things that were once alive

## Let's Explore!



What can we find around a tree?

We can use observation to group objects. We can record our observations in a table.

1. Find a tree. Observe the things around it.
2. List the things that you have observed.

Living things	Things that are not alive
tree ant bush grass	table sand water

3. Look for dried leaves or flowers on the ground. Have they ever been alive? **Yes, they used to be alive**

## What Are Living Things?

Living things are things that are alive. You have learnt in Stage I that living things need air, water and food to survive.

Plants and animals, including humans, are examples of living things.



How do you know if something is alive?  
What can it do?



Living thing can move ,  
reproduce and grow



The apple tree, rose plant, tiger, goldfish and human are living things.



How do you know if something was once alive? What could the thing do before that it cannot do now?



A cooked fish was once alive.

**Breathe, eat, move and grow**

Many human-made objects are also things that have never lived. Their parts are not alive.

Identifying and classifying is a type of scientific enquiry. Would you classify fire as a living thing, a thing that was once alive or a thing that has never lived? Why?



**A thing that has never lived, fire can move but cannot do other things that living things can do.**

A laptop and a vase are things that have never lived.



### Word Boost

laptop



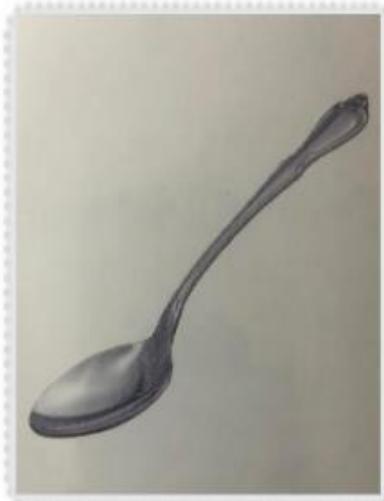
Choose stickers from the back of the book. Observe the objects. Then paste them in the boxes below.



living thing



thing that was  
once alive



thing that has  
never lived

- A living thing is alive. It moves, grows, feeds and reproduces. A thing that never lived is not alive and was never alive.

### Check Your Learning

How is a living thing different from something that has never lived?

