

Characteristics of Living Things

1 It is not easy to tell the difference between living, dead, and non-living things. There are some rules to follow when trying to decide if something is living, dead, or non-living. Listed here are the six rules used by scientists:

- * Living things are made of cells.
 - * Living things get and use energy.
 - * Living things grow and develop.
 - * Living things reproduce.
 - * Living things respond
 - * Living things are made of chemicals
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2 To be alive, an object must have all of the characteristics of living things. Sugar crystals growing on the bottom of a syrup container is a good example of a nonliving object that has at least one rule for living things, but not all.