

Characteristics

The characteristics of a living thing are what make it similar or different to other living things.

All species of living thing have a unique set of characteristics.

Species with similar characteristics are put into groups. This is how we classify and identify living things.

We'll look more at classifying living things next week.



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Here are some characteristics (features) of this kitten. Do you agree with them? Can you think of any more?



Is awake

Has fur

Has four legs

Is cute

Has a tail

Has whiskers

Is a carnivore

Is a baby

Likes milk

Plays with string

Characteristics



These are some of the characteristics of the domestic cat:

Has whiskers

Has four legs

Has fur

Is a carnivore

Has a tail



These are **not** characteristics of the species:

Is awake

Is cute

Likes milk

Is a baby

Plays with string

Why not?

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What are the characteristics of this living thing?



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What are the characteristics of this living thing?



Write the features of these eight living things.

Challenge: can you think of a question that would sort these living things into two groups?

