

Characteristics of Living Things Lab

Directions:

1. Working with a partner, obtain a container of various objects.
2. Using the magnifying glass to examine each object.
3. Discuss with your partners any similarities you find among the various objects.
4. Separate all the objects into two categories: Living things and Non-Living things and write the name of each object in the boxes below.
5. Decide with your partner if there are any other categories that the various objects can be placed into, give a name to those categories and list the objects in the boxes below.
6. Discuss with your partner the characteristics that distinguish the living objects from the non-living objects.
7. Make a list of characteristics you think all living things share. In other words, how do the living thing differ from the non-living things. How do you know they are living?

Living	Non-Living

Other Possible Categories

List of Characteristics Shared by all Living Things