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# What living things need

Animals and plants need some things to stay alive and grow.

## 1 Learn



You are a living thing! So is a rabbit, a frog and a sunflower. Every living thing needs some things to stay **alive**.

### Animals need

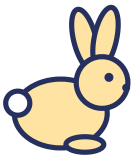
food · water · air · shelter

### Plants need

light · water · air

They all need the **right temperature** too: not too hot and not too cold.

**What does a rabbit need?**



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|---|---|
| **Food** | It eats grass and leaves. |
| **Water** | It drinks water. |
| **Air** | It breathes air, just like you. |
| **Shelter** | It digs a burrow to hide, sleep and stay dry. |

**Flip's tip:** plants don't eat food like we do. They use **light** from the sun, with water and air, to make their own food.

**Warm up:** draw a ring round the **3** things every animal needs.

ball · water · toy car · food · hat · air

**Grown-ups:** read Flip's words aloud and point to each picture. If your child rings a toy, ask "Could you stay alive without it?" Talk about things we *like* and things we *need*.

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## 2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes




### Needs hunt

**You need:** this sheet, a pencil, and a window to look out of.

1. Walk round your home. Where do **you** get each thing? Write or draw it.
2. Look out of the window. Where could a **bird** find each thing? Fill in its side.
3. Talk: do you and the bird need the same things?

| What we need | Where I get it | Where a bird gets it |
|---|---|---|
| **Food** | | |
| **Water** | | |
| **Air** | | |
| **Shelter** | | |
| **Keeping warm** | | |

**Grown-ups:** for the bird, ideas are seeds, berries and worms; puddles and bird baths; a nest in a tree or hedge; its feathers keep it warm. Ask "What would happen if a bird had no water?"

## 3 Practise

**A.** Draw a line from each word to its picture.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **water** | ● | ●  |
| **food** | ● | ●  |
| **air** | ● | ●  |
| **shelter** | ● | ●  |

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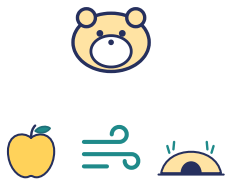
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**B.** Fill the gaps. Use the words in the box.

**light · water · air · food · shelter**

1. A duck drinks _____ from the pond.
2. A squirrel eats nuts. Nuts are its _____.
3. A plant in a dark cupboard grows weak. It needs _____.
4. We breathe in _____ all day and all night.
5. A rabbit hides in its burrow. The burrow is its _____.

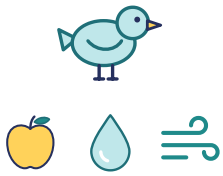
**C.** What is missing? Write the word.



The hamster has food, air and a bed. It needs _____



The plant has water and air, but it is in a dark box. It needs _____



The bird has food, water and air, but its tree was cut down. It needs _____

## Challenge

Sam says, "Plants don't eat, so they don't need anything." Is Sam right? What does a plant need?

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## I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ say what animals need: food, water, air and shelter
- ☐ say what plants need: light, water and air
- ☐ spot what is missing when a living thing can't stay alive