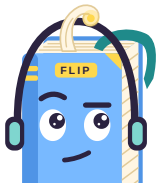
Name _____ Date _____

Living, dead or never alive

Everything in a habitat is living, dead or never alive.

1 Learn



Look around a woodland. Some things are alive **now**. Some were alive **once**. Some were **never** alive at all!

Living



alive now: it needs food, water and air, it grows and has young

Dead



it was alive once, or part of something alive, but not now

Never alive



it was never alive and never part of anything alive

Detective questions



a fallen leaf

1. Is it alive now? **No.** It has fallen off and gone brown.
2. Was it ever alive? **Yes!** It grew on a living tree.
3. → So the leaf is **dead**.

Flip's tip: dead and never alive are not the same! A twig is **dead**: it was part of a living tree. A stone was **never alive**.

Warm up: ring the **3** things that are living.



worm



stone



oak tree



spoon



owl

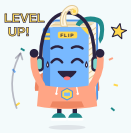


jar

Grown-ups: ask the two detective questions out loud. Children often call a stone "dead": it isn't, because it was never alive.

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



The big sort

You need: 3 sheets of paper labelled **Living**, **Dead** and **Never alive**, and about 9 things from home or outside.

1. Collect things like a houseplant, a fallen leaf, a twig, a stone, a metal spoon, a wooden spoon, a plastic cup, a sheet of paper and a woolly sock.
2. Ask the two detective questions for each one: **Is it alive now? Was it ever alive?**
3. Put it on the right sheet. You can be on the Living sheet too!
4. Swap: the grown-up sorts, and the child checks.

Living	Dead	Never alive

Grown-ups: wood and paper come from trees, and wool from sheep, so they go on the Dead sheet. Metal, stone and plastic were never alive. Leave living plants and minibeasts where they are: draw them instead.

3 Practise

A. Write each letter in the right box.



owl



log



stone



feather



grass



metal spoon



worm



empty shell



glass jar

Living	Dead	Never alive

Living, dead or never alive

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B. True or false? Ring one.

1. A twig was once alive.	**true**	**false**
2. A stone was once alive.	**true**	**false**
3. A feather is dead.	**true**	**false**
4. Water in a stream is alive, because it moves.	**true**	**false**
5. A wooden spoon was never alive.	**true**	**false**

C. Be a detective. Ring yes or no, then finish the sentence.



Alive now? **yes** / **no**
Ever alive? **yes** / **no**
It is _____



Alive now? **yes** / **no**
Ever alive? **yes** / **no**
It is _____

D. A dead log is still useful in a habitat! Draw a minibeast that lives under it.



Challenge

Sam says, "A dead leaf and a stone are the same, because they're not alive."
Is he right? What is different about them?

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I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ say if something is alive now
- ☐ say if it was ever alive
- ☐ sort things into living, dead and never alive