

What Do Living Things Need?

Each kind of living thing has its own special needs. Here are some to think about.

Food

Some animals eat plants. Some eat other animals.

Water

Some animals just need water to drink. Some plants need to soak up water with their roots. But other plants and animals live in the water, so they need a lot more.

Shelter

An animal might need a cave or a good place to dig an underground burrow. It might need a branch and twigs for making a nest.

Territory

Some animals never travel very far. Some hunt over large areas. Others fly or swim thousands of miles every year.

Temperature

Some plants and animals need warmth. Some are happy in the cold.

Amount of light

Some plants need a lot of sun. Some grow well in the shade.

