

## science page



## LIVING OR NONLIVING?







Greta Thunberg wants to protect Earth and help stop climate change. Many things are on Earth. While they do their research, scientists often sort things into different categories. To do this, scientists compare and contrast the different characteristics and the different behaviors of things. One way scientists sort things is by whether they are living or nonliving. In this activity, students can sort things by whether they are living or nonliving too.

You may want to discuss the definition of living things with your students to make sure they understand. You can give them examples of living and nonliving things before starting the activity. You can help students use the Living Definition Page to analyze the thing pictured on each card. Then you can either have the students sort the items individually or you can do it as a class.

After the cards are sorted, you can have the students glue the cards to the Chart so they have a paper to keep. You may also leave out the gluing step so students can repeat the activity.



#### What We Know:

• Greta Thunberg wants to protect Earth.



• Earth has many animals, plants and landforms.







Some of these are living things.



Some of these are nonliving things.





#### What We Can Do:

• We can sort things into living and nonliving groups.





#### Need:

scissors



### Living/Nonliving Cards Page (page 61)



### Living Definition Page (page 62)



Living/Nonliving Chart (page 63)



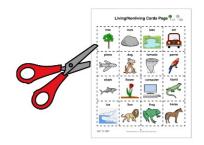
glue stick (optional)





### **Activity Steps**

1. Cut apart Living/Nonliving Cards Page.



2. Read Living Definition Page.





3. Choose one Living/Nonliving card.





4. Decide whether that thing is living or nonliving.



or



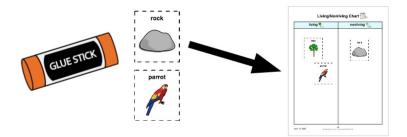
5. Put card onto Living/Nonliving Chart, in proper column.



6. Repeat steps 3-5 for each card.

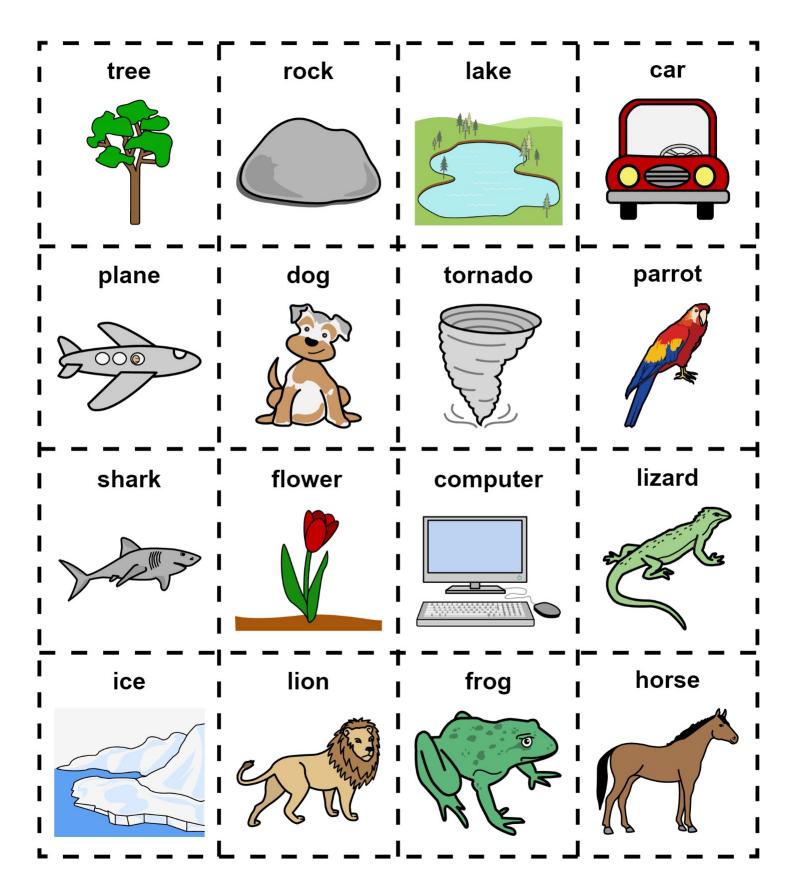


7. Glue cards onto Chart, if desired.



## Living/Nonliving Cards Page

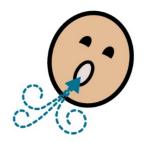




## Living Definition Page \*

### A living thing can:

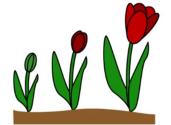
breathe



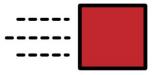
• eat



grow



move by itself



reproduce



# Living/Nonliving Chart



living 🍖	nonliving 🐔



#### What I Learned

#### 1. What must living things do? 4



fly



breathe



cook



2. How many cards are in the living column? .....



nine

twelve

**12** 

three

3. How many cards are in the nonliving column?



ten

10

five

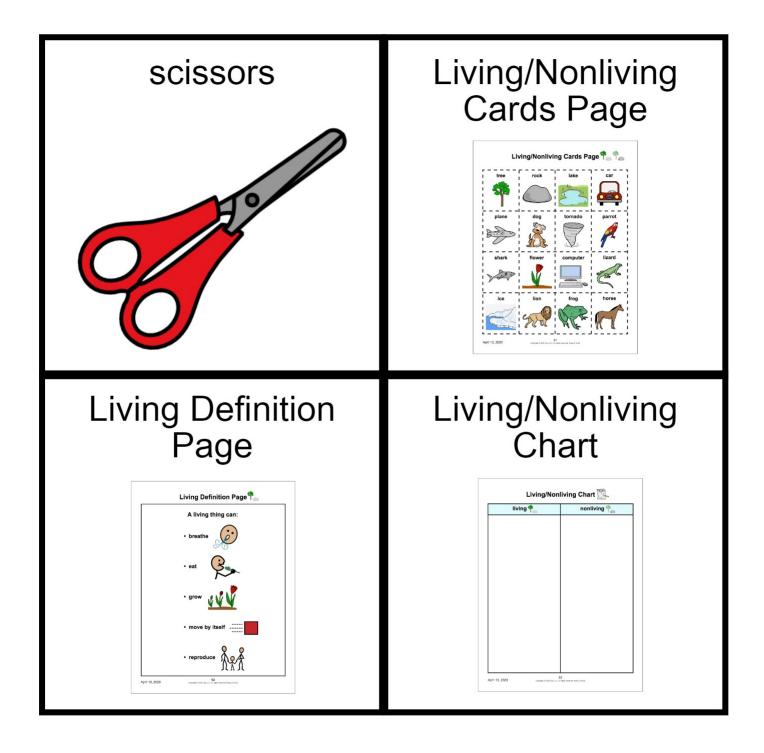
seven



#### **Questions for Class Discussion**

- · What other living things can you list?
- · What other nonliving things can you list?
- Were some things hard to sort into the correct group? Why?

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