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## What is Natural? Family Page



### What's Happening in Class?

Our class is exploring objects in outdoor and indoor environments. We are classifying objects as biota (living) or abiota (nonliving) while developing a concept of “natural.” Class discussion will focus on connecting found objects to the Earth’s natural resources while demonstrating that matter cycles. Related Resources for this investigation can be found on Science for Ohio’s Parents and Students link. Visit Science for Ohio at [www.environmentaleducationohio.org](http://www.environmentaleducationohio.org).

### What Can We Do at Home?

Reinforcing the characteristics of living things is a part of this activity. **Living things need SWEAT: space, water, energy, air, and time.** Make a list of four living things found in and around your home below and answer the questions for each.

Name of living thing	How much <b>space</b> does it need?..	How does it get <b>water</b> ?	It gets its <b>energy</b> from...	Does it need oxygen (animals) or carbon dioxide (plants) from the <b>air</b> ?	About how much <b>time</b> has it been living?

Challenge!! Find an object that fits all but one of the characteristics of a living thing above. Explain your choice below.
