

# Needs to Live

Teacher-led circles help children identify what plants and animals need.

**K.12** "Organisms and environments. The student knows that plants and animals depend on the environment to meet their basic needs for survival. The student is expected to: observe and identify the dependence of plants on air, sunlight, water..."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

## 1 PLANT NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

|   |          |       |      |
|---|----------|-------|------|
| a | SUNLIGHT | TOY   | SHOE |
| b | HAT      | WATER | BOOK |
| c | BALL     | CUP   | SOIL |

## 2 ANIMAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

|   |      |        |         |
|---|------|--------|---------|
| a | ROCK | AIR    | CRAYON  |
| b | FOOD | PENCIL | BLOCK   |
| c | LEAF | SHELL  | SHELTER |

**HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE**

Read the choices aloud, then read each short situation. Students listen for the missing need and circle its word. The rows model how plants depend on sunlight, water, and nutrients in soil, and how animals depend on air, food, and shelter.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

**PART 1 • PLANT NEEDS**

**SAY** “Look at the three words in each row. I will read the words and tell you about a plant. Listen for what the plant needs, then circle that word.”

| ROW | SAY                                                                                                                              | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a   | This plant is in a dark closet. Does it need SUNLIGHT, a TOY, or a SHOE to grow? Circle the word you choose.                     | <b>SUNLIGHT</b> |
| b   | The soil around this plant is very dry. Does it need a HAT, WATER, or a BOOK to grow? Circle the word you choose.                | <b>WATER</b>    |
| c   | This plant has no soil with nutrients around its roots. Does it need a BALL, a CUP, or SOIL to grow? Circle the word you choose. | <b>SOIL</b>     |

**PART 2 • ANIMAL NEEDS**

**SAY** “Look at the three words in each row. I will read the words and tell you about an animal. Listen for what the animal needs, then circle that word.”

| ROW | SAY                                                                                                                         | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a   | A puppy is in a closed box with no fresh air. Does it need a ROCK, AIR, or a CRAYON? Circle the word you choose.            | <b>AIR</b>      |
| b   | A rabbit is hungry and has nothing to eat. Does it need FOOD, a PENCIL, or a BLOCK? Circle the word you choose.             | <b>FOOD</b>     |
| c   | A bird is in cold rain and has no safe place to stay. Does it need a LEAF, a SHELL, or SHELTER? Circle the word you choose. | <b>SHELTER</b>  |

**WHAT TO ACCEPT**

Plant Needs answers are SUNLIGHT, WATER, and SOIL. Animal Needs answers are AIR, FOOD, and SHELTER. Accept a clear circle around the correct word.