



LEARNING LADDERS

What Living Things Need

What causes the seasons to change? How many hours do elephants spend eating each day? What are the largest creatures that ever lived? Read *What Living Things Need* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. Something nearly all living things need to survive is ...
 - a. Living space
 - b. Clothing
 - c. Sunlight
 - d. TV
2. The grains of some plants can be used to make ...
 - a. Cows
 - b. Vegetables
 - c. Bread
 - d. Metal
3. One animal that lives in a burrow is a ...
 - a. Woodchuck
 - b. Bat
 - c. Polar bear
 - d. Human
4. The largest creature to ever live is the ...
 - a. Elephant
 - b. Blue whale
 - c. Tyrannosaurus Rex
 - d. Human
5. A jellyfish is made almost entirely of what?
6. What do you call a group of elephants?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Most living things have special needs beyond basic needs. | _____ 4. The star closest to Earth is the sun. |
| _____ 2. Plants do not need food. | _____ 5. All living things are connected. |
| _____ 3. Plants take in most of their water from the rain. | _____ 6. A tomato is about 70 percent water. |

ANSWERS

- 1. a. Living space.** According to section "Basic needs" on page 6, we know that "Almost all living things need food, water, air, and living space. This is true no matter where a thing lives." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. Bread.** According to section "Food" on page 9, we know that "Bread is made from the grains of some plants." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. a. Woodchuck.** According to section "Shelter" on page 18, we know that "Woodchucks are animals that live in burrows." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. b. Blue whale.** According to section "Did you know?" on page 26, we know that "Blue whales are the largest creatures that ever lived." So, the correct answer is B.
5. According to page 11, "a jellyfish is made almost entirely of water."
6. According to page 21, a group of elephants is called a *herd*.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "Basic Needs" on page 6, we know that "Plants, animals, and people each have some special needs, too." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "Food" on page 8, we know that "Plants do not need to eat, but they do need food. They make their food from sunlight and water." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. False.** According to section "Water" on page 10, we know that "Plants take in most of their water from the soil." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to section "Sunlight" on page 17, we know that "The sun is the star that is closest to Earth." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to section "Web of Life" on page 22, we know that "All plants, animals, and people are connected. We call this connection the web of life." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section "Did you know?" on page 27, we know that "A tomato is about 95 percent water." So, the correct answer is False.