## **Seminar on Nature Of Living**

## Introduction

One would assume that the meaning of life would never need to be defined. Let?s pose the question to you, ?what is life?? You would have to think for a while unless you were handed a dictionary. You see, with issues like this, one stumbles over the answer and even when the answer is delivered they tend to be vague. All right, let?s change the guestion. ?What are living things??. This seems easier. doesn?t it? Then let?s tackle it. The dictionary definition goes something like this: ?An individual form of life, such as a bacterium, protist, fungus, plant or animal consisting of a singular cell or a complex of cells in which cell organelles or organs work together to carry out the various processes of life.? But turn and ask your friend the same question, ?what are living things?? Chances are he or she will associate life or a living being with movement, that is unless he or she refuses to answer the question. Most of us identify life through movement. When we breathe, our chest moves up and down, it makes it easier to point at a person and call him alive. But what about a leaf? If the colour you look at is green, it is alive. But the conundrum arises when one reminds you that there are plants which exist that aren?t green. So, now what is the solution? There is no definite solution, to be honest. On the safe side, one can assume that if something can reproduce, it can be called alive or a living being. Birds, insects, animals, trees, human beings, are a few examples of living things as they have the same characteristic features, like eating, breathing, reproduction, growth, and development, etc. As opposed to living things, non-living things do not have life. While they do show some similarities compared to living things, they lack sensing capability. For instance, some nonliving things can move, a car or a chair can move, however, they are not living things. You know what are living things. You know why they are called so. Now, there?s something called viruses that are considered to be neither a living thing nor a non-living thing. That is to say, they possess certain characteristics of living things (they tend to infect other organisms) as well as non-living things (viruses cannot reproduce without a host). For more detailed information about Living things, visit BYJU?S. Put your understanding of this concept to test by answering a few MCQs. Click ?Start Quiz? to begin! Select the correct answer and click on the ?Finish? buttonCheck your score and answers at the end of the quiz Congrats! Visit BYJU?S for all Biology related queries and study materials Your result is as below

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We live in a very peculiar world. We are surrounded by so many things; some move, and some don?t. Some are born naturally, while others are invented or constructed by us humans. When we are born, we have no sense of the world around us. However, we learn more about it as we grow older. The more we learn about it, the more we understand how intertwined our lives are with this majestic place we call home. Everything we do is directly or indirectly connected to our surroundings. From the air we breathe to the road we walk on, each element plays an important role in our lives. As children, we are taught how to differentiate and group things to be able to better understand and identify them. One such point of differentiation is whether an object or thing is living or non-living in nature. This is one of the most basic forms of differentiation we are taught. Read on further to know some names of living and non living things. The meaning of living things is simply the things around us that are living? alive and breathing! Anything that has a fixed life cycle is considered to be a living thing. Thank you for reading this post, don't forget to subscribe! Some examples of Living things are: From the examples, can you see a pattern? All the ?Living? things are nothing but organisms that interact with their environment to sustain themselves! Any organism that eats, grows, reproduces and then eventually dies is called a living thing. Natural living things cannot live forever and must eventually perish. Teaching living and non-living things to kindergarten students can be tricky. The best way to go about it is to make a checklist of characteristics to which they can compare objects and then decide whether the object is living on Below are some characteristics of Living things: Living things are made up of ?cells?, which are called the building blocks of life. These ?cells? are properly and systematically organised in a living organism. All living beings are made up of one or more cells. A living thing must be able to reproduce. They should be able to create offspring. This can be through both sexual and asexual reproduction. An organism passes on its genetic information to its offspring through reproduction. All living things grow. We are born a different size, and we die a different size. Other living things, such as plants and fish, grow too! All living things interact and adjust to their environment. We have warm-blooded and cold-blooded organisms; both have unique ways of adjusting their body

temperatures according to their environment. Living beings also respond to stimuli in their environment. All living organisms require nutrition in some form or another. They require nutrition for growth and survival. For us humans, this means eating food and drinking water, and for plants, this entails making their own food by photosynthesis. All living things must adapt to their environment to have a better chance of survival.

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This book proposes a bold idea. Living beings are distinguishing distinctions. Single cells and multicellular organisms maintain themselves distinct by drawing distinctions. This is what organisms are and what they do. From this starting point, key issues examined range across ontology, epistemology, phenomenology, logic, and ethics. Topics discussed include the origin of life, the nature and purpose of biology, the relation between life and logic, the nature and limits of formal logic, the nature of subjects, the subject-object relation, subject-subject relationships and the deep

roots of ethics. The book provides a radical new foundation to think about philosophy and biology and appeals to researchers and students in these fields. It powerfully debunks mechanical thinking about living beings and shows the vast reservoir of insights into aliveness available in the arts and humanities.

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