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A photograph of a small, white and tan puppy standing on a light-colored tiled floor, looking intently at a large, bright yellow rubber duck. The puppy's head is lowered towards the duck's orange beak. The background is a simple, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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Focus Question

How can you tell if something is living or nonliving?



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Introduction

How can you tell when one thing is living
and another is not?

This brown bear is a living thing.

This toy robot is not.



Living and Nonliving Things

Living things are alike in important ways.

Living things all grow and make more things like themselves.

They also use energy, move, change, and are made of cells.



Nonliving things may be like living things
in some ways.

They may move, change, or use energy.
They are not alike in all the ways, or they
would be living things.



Compare Living and Nonliving Things

Some of the ways they are different are easy to spot.

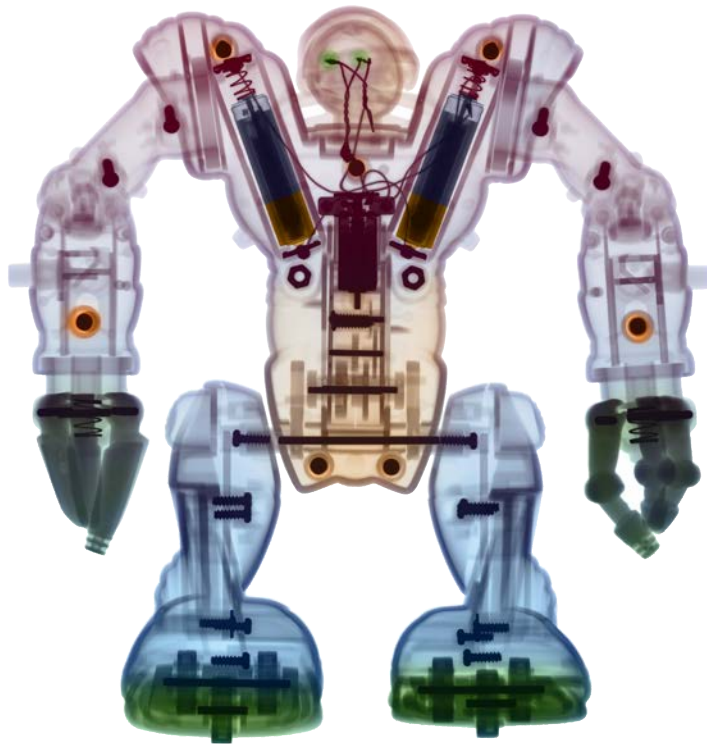
The toy robot does not grow.



It cannot make more things like itself.



Some of the ways they are alike
can make it tricky.
The toy robot does move and use energy.



It has gears and a battery that help it move.



Dead Things

Nonliving things are not dead.

Dead things were once alive but now are not.

Nonliving things were never alive.



Conclusion

Figuring out if something is living or nonliving can be fun.

Which of these things are living or nonliving?

Words to Know

alike	living
battery	spot
cells	tricky

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Writing

Choose one living and one nonliving thing. Write about how they are the same and how they are different.

Science

Cut out pictures from magazines. Sort them into *Living* and *Nonliving* groups and paste them onto your paper.



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