

# LIVING AND NON LIVING THINGS

This exercise will help your child distinguish between living and non living things.

## ITEMS YOU WILL NEED (OPTIONAL):

1. Pen or pencil
2. Notepad

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Discuss the difference between living and non living things with your child:

- The earth is made up of several things that are called the ecosystem.
- There are two different types of things in the ecosystem – living and non living things.
- **All living things breathe, eat, grow, move, reproduce and have senses.**
- **Non living things do not eat, grow, breathe, move and reproduce. They do not have senses.**
- For example: A fish is a living thing. A fish bowl is non living.

2. Ask your child to make two columns on their notepad - one for living things and one for non living things.

3. Walk around outside and help your child find both living and non living things and write them in the correct column.

*If the child is younger, this exercise can be done by discussion rather than with the pen and notepad.*