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What Living Things Need

Name _____ Date _____



What do living things need?

Animals and people need the same four things.

SHELTER | FOOD | AIR | WATER

1 Which need is it?

Write the need in the box: SHELTER, FOOD, AIR or WATER.

The hermit crab hides its soft body in a shell.	
Titi and Sunny eat to have energy to play.	
The fish's gills take in oxygen.	
The tide pool dries up and everything stops moving.	

2 Tricky one! ★

Does a fish breathe?

○ YES ○ NO

Tell a grown-up why: _____

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3 What do YOU need?

Draw one thing you use for each need.

My shelter

My food

My air

My water

4 Word hunt

Find every word. Words go across, down or slanted.

C	M	U	M	D	W	B	K	H	Y	C
P	G	I	L	L	S	V	R	G	T	E
U	C	S	B	P	Y	G	E	T	O	T
O	J	S	L	N	W	A	T	E	R	E
F	A	U	D	S	Y	C	R	A	B	K
Y	L	I	S	H	E	L	T	E	R	V
P	F	R	R	U	G	J	E	L	R	J
R	I	W	C	R	Y	F	S	H	L	H
A	S	H	E	L	L	O	J	K	H	I
B	H	N	I	M	J	O	Y	N	F	W
M	D	F	W	A	G	D	F	J	D	A

SHELTER · FOOD · AIR · WATER · CRAB · FISH · GILLS · SHELL

STEM SMART · S1 EP2 Answers for grown-ups

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Sheet 1 — Which need is it?

1. The hermit crab hides its soft body in a shell. — **SHELTER**
2. Titi and Sunny eat to have energy to play. — **FOOD**
3. The fish's gills take in oxygen. — **AIR**
4. The tide pool dries up and everything stops moving. — **WATER**

Sheet 1 — Tricky one

YES. A fish has gills. The gills take in oxygen that is mixed into the water.

Sheet 2 — What do YOU need?

1. Any honest answer: a house or bed, a meal, the air we breathe, a cup of water.

Sheet 2 — Word hunt

SHELTER (across) · FOOD (down) · AIR (slanted) · WATER (across) · CRAB (across) · FISH (down) · GILLS (across) · SHELL (across)

Talk about it together

- Why does the hermit crab need a shell? (Its back end is soft.)
- What happened to the fish out of the water?
- Which of the four needs do you use every day?