

Vital Vocabulary

Key Word	Definition
Food chain	A chain that shows how each living thing in a habitat gets its food
Habitat	The natural place where a living thing lives
Living	A plant or animal that demonstrates the seven life processes
Never been alive	Things that have never demonstrated the seven life processes
Non-living	Things were once living but are now dead
Life processes	The seven things that all living things do
Producers	Green plants are called producers. They make (produce) their own food using sunlight.
Consumers	Consumers eat other living things to get their food.
Prey	Animals that are eaten by other animals.
Predators	Animals that eat other animals.

Living things



Living



Non-living

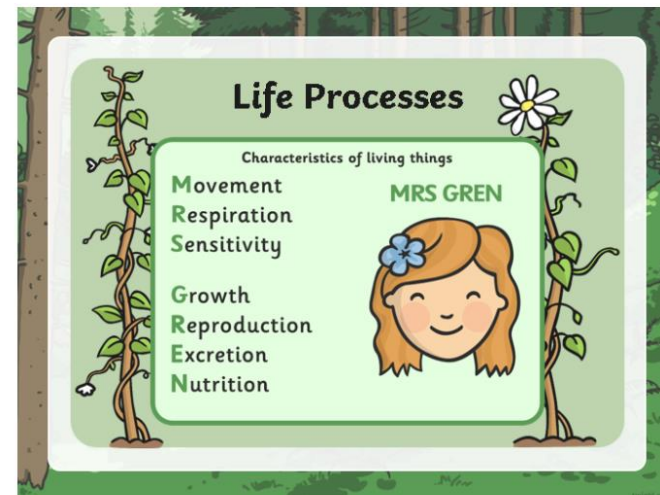


Never living

All around us there are things that are **living**, **non-living** and things that have **never been alive**.

All **living** things have seven things that they do to stay alive:

We can use **MRS GREN** to help us remember the processes.



Rachel Carson
(1905-1964)

Marine biologist and conservationist whose research led to a nationwide ban on DDT and other pesticides.

Habitats

- All living things **survive** in **habitats** that suit them.

- A **habitat** is a natural, home environment for all living things. They contain features that make them suitable for the things that live there, e.g. food, shelter and temperature.

Examples of habitats:



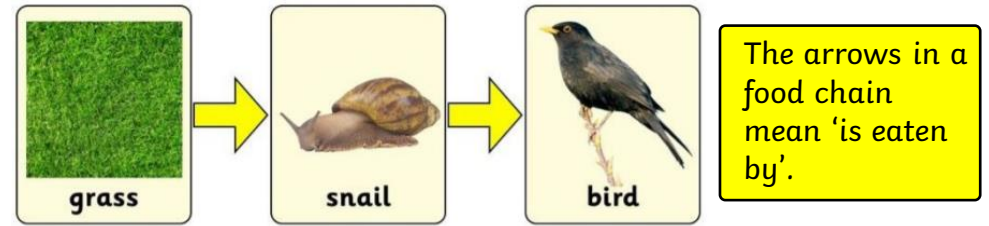
- A **micro-habitat** is a small, specific home environment e.g. individual trees, under a rock and a pile of logs.

Examples of micro-habitats:



Food chains

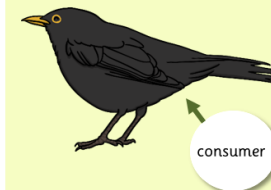
- Living** things **depend** on each other in their habitats—every living thing needs food.
- The **living** things in every **habitat** are linked together through **food chains**. A **food chain** shows how each animal gets its food. **Food chains** are one of the ways that **living** things **depend** on each other to stay alive.



Each food chain starts with a green plant. Green plants are called **producers** because they **produce** their own food.



All animals are called **consumers** because they **consume** their food by eating plants and other animals.



Animals that eat other animals are called **predators**. The animals that they eat are called **prey**.

