

What Animals Need

Grade 1 • SCIENCE • Students identify food, water, air, and shelter as basic things animals need to live and survive. • Standards: K-LS1-1

Read each sentence about an animal. Write which basic need the animal is using: food, water, air, or shelter.

1. A cat drinks from its bowl. What does the cat need?
2. A bird eats seeds. What does the bird need?
3. A dog takes deep breaths after running around. What basic need is the dog taking in?
4. A bear sleeps in a cave. What does the bear need?
5. A rabbit hides in its burrow to stay safe. What does the rabbit need?
6. A horse eats grass in the field. What does the horse need?
7. A frog sits in a wet pond to keep its skin moist. What basic need is the frog getting from the pond?
8. A squirrel lives in a nest inside a tree. What does the squirrel need?
9. A turtle comes to the top of the water to breathe. What does the turtle need?
10. A deer walks to the stream and takes a long drink on a hot day. What does the deer need?

Answer Key — What Animals Need

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. water
2. food
3. air (*Animals take in air to breathe and survive.*)
4. shelter
5. shelter
6. food
7. water (*Frogs need water to stay moist and survive, absorbing it directly through their skin.*)
8. shelter
9. air
10. water