

Living, once-living or never-living?

living-things

What you need: sorting tray items (small potted plant or cutting in water, fallen leaf, feather, stone, plastic toy, snail photo card) · snail photo card (optional: one shared live snail in a clear pot with a damp leaf for the class) · labelled sorting hoops or large paper circles (Living, Once-living, Never-living) · magnifying glass

Words to use

Living, once-living and never-living · Evidence from careful noticing

Our question

What clues helped us tell living, once-living and never-living apart?

Words to sort

potted plant · snail · fallen leaf · feather · stone · plastic toy

Sort each item into living, once-living or never-living and say what you notice that justifies the group.

living	once-living	never-living

What do you notice under the magnifier?

Does it look like it came from a plant or animal?

Is anything moving or growing right now?