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Chant Title and Author: Living Things by Eva Thaddeus

Think about a fish.	Yes, ma'am
Is it a living thing?	Yes, ma'am
How do you know?	It grows. It grows.
How do you know?	It reproduces.
How do you know?	At the end it dies.
What does it need?	Water, air and food
What does it need?	Water, air and food

Think about a tree.	Yes, ma'am
Is it a living thing?	Yes, ma'am
How do you know?	It grows. It grows.
How do you know?	It reproduces.
How do you know?	At the end it dies.
What does it need?	Water, air and sun
What does it need?	Water, air and sun

Think about a rock.	Yes, ma'am
Is it a living thing?	No, ma'am
How do you know?	It doesn't grow.
How do you know?	Can't reproduce.
How do you know?	It doesn't die.
What does it need?	Doesn't have needs.
What does it need?	Doesn't have needs.

Additional instructions/melody/tempo etc.: Use stickies to change "fish", "tree" and "rock" on the chant. Students love to give other examples that fit the information in the chant.