

Living Things Vocabulary

Organisms - all living things are called organisms

Cell - the basic unit of structure in an organism

Unicellular - a single celled organism

Multicellular - organism made up of many cells

Development - process of change during an organism's life to produce a more complex organism

Stimulus - something that causes an organism to react

Response - the actions an organism makes when reacting to a stimulus

Reproduce - to produce offspring that are similar to the parents

Spontaneous generation - the mistaken idea that living organisms arise from non-living things

Autotrophs - organisms that make their own food

Heterotrophs - organisms that cannot make their own food

Homeostasis - maintaining a stable internal condition despite changes in the environment