

Staying Alive

Procedure

- 1. Collaborate** Work with a partner. One partner should observe a goldfish. The other partner should observe an elodea (ah LOH dee ah), which is a type of water plant.
- 2. Observe** Watch your living thing for a few minutes. In the chart below, record the name of the living thing and everything you observe. Include its surroundings and any movements it makes.

Observing Living Things	
Observations	Needs

- 3. Infer** Based on your observations, write in your chart two or three things that you think your living thing needs to stay alive.

4. Collaborate Compare charts with your partner. Circle the needs that are alike for the fish and the plant.

Conclusion

Write the answers to the questions below.

1. Compare What does the goldfish need that the elodea plant does not need?

2. Hypothesize If you put the elodea plant in sunlight, it releases tiny bubbles of gas. Where do you think this gas comes from? What does the goldfish do that might be similar?

Investigate More!

Research What animal would you like to have as a pet? Use the library to find books about what that animal needs to stay alive and healthy.