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# Visualizing the Characteristics of Living Things Poster

**Background:** In our Biology book, we have been learning about the characteristics necessary for life. The seven characteristics are broad enough to include the great diversity of life on Earth, from the 2700 known bacterial species to the more than 1.5 million named animal species!

**Activity:** You will create a poster that represents the seven characteristics of life. Listed below are the items needed on your poster to obtain full credit. You will be graded using the poster rubric.

Remember – posters grab attention and are usually very “eye-catching.” Ex.) Use color, be neat – use rulers when necessary, make your poster balanced – watch your layout...spelling also counts!

\*Items to display on your poster:

1. List and define the following two words: **homeostasis, organism**
2. List the **seven characteristics** of living things
3. Draw or find pictures that represent **each** of the seven characteristics (this means that you should have at least seven pictures!)
4. Make the title large and legible “The Characteristics of Living Things”
5. Write your names, date and period



## “The Characteristics of Living Things” Poster Rubric

Point Value	0 Points	1 – 2 Points	3 - 4 Points	5 - 6 Points	7 Points	Total Points Earned
Pictures	No pictures	1-2 pictures present	3-4 pictures present	5-6 pictures present	Minimum of 7 pictures present	
Colored pictures	No pictures in color	1-2 pictures in color	3-4 pictures in color	5-6 pictures in color	All 7+ pictures in color	
Relevance of pictures	No characteristics of life appropriately represented	1-2 characteristics of life appropriately represented	3-4 characteristics of life appropriately represented	5-6 characteristics of life appropriately represented	All 7 characteristics of life appropriately represented	
Grammar and Spelling	7 or more grammar or spelling errors	5-6 grammar or spelling errors	3-4 grammar or spelling errors	1-2 grammar or spelling errors	No grammar or spelling errors	
Writing	<i>Very little of the text is clear and readable; frequent changes in size and color detract from understanding; text is not straight or changes direction</i>	<i>Some of the text is clear and readable; frequent changes in size and color detract from understanding; some of the text is straight.</i>	<i>Much of the text is clear and readable; a few changes in size and color enhance understanding; text is mostly straight.</i>	<i>Most of the text is clear and readable; a few changes in size and color enhance understanding; text is mostly straight.</i>	<i>All text is clear and readable; a few changes in size and color enhance understanding and add to drama; text is straight.</i>	
Point Value	0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	Total Points Earned	
Layout	Very cluttered or very sparse (open space)	Cluttered or too much open space and not well balanced.	Some clutter or somewhat bare, but mostly balanced.	Poster is not cluttered and balanced over all.		
Title	No title	Some of title present	Most of title present	Complete Title		
Subtitles	None present	1-3 subtitles	4-6 sub titles	All subtitles		
Name(s), date and period	None present	1 present	2 present	All 3 present		
Definitions	None present	1 present	Both present			
Due on time	Late posters are not accepted. No credit	On time.				