

**Combined Science**  
**Characteristics of Living Things**  
**Worksheet 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions: Complete the passage below by choosing the words from the list: organism, reproduction, respiration, excretion, growth, irritability, movement, nutrition**

- a. Living things are often called \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. All living things release energy from their food in a process called \_\_\_\_\_ which happens inside their cells.
- c. Some of the energy is used for \_\_\_\_\_, which usually happens more quickly in animals than in plants.
- d. The food from which the energy is released is taken into the body in a process called \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. All living things get bigger as they get older. This process is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. The production of young is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Waste substances are removed from organisms by the process of \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. The seventh characteristic shown by all living organisms is \_\_\_\_\_ which means that they are able to respond to changes in their surroundings.