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Read pages 21-23 in the Diversity of Life Resources book. Answer these questions using complete sentences:

1. What are the first things we usually recognize as living? Why?

2. What is an organism? What are some of its characteristics?

3. Why is it not always easy to tell that plants are alive?

4. What is the difference between these terms: “living,” nonliving,” and “dead”? Include at least one example for each term in your explanation.

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5. What are the four basic needs of all living organisms? (*Look for bold words.*)

6. What functions are performed by all living organisms? (What do organisms *do*?)

7. Thinking about what you have learned in this reading, how could you explain to someone that a human being is “living,” but a statue of a person is not “living?”