### DCI: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes


All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow. (K.LS1-1)

### Performance Expectation

**K.LS1-1: Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.**

**Clarification Statement:** Examples of patterns could include that animals need to take in food but plants do not; the different kinds of food needed by different types of animals; the requirement of plants to have light; and, that all living things need water.

**Assessment Boundary:** none

### Science and Engineering Practice

#### Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.

Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (K.LS1-1)
Crosscutting Concept

**Patterns**
Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed and used as evidence. (K-LS1-1)

Connection to Nature of Science

**Science Knowledge Is Based on Empirical Evidence**
Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-LS1-1)

Common Core State Standards for ELA/Literacy

**Card Type name**

**W.K.7 - Research to Build and Present Knowledge**
Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-LS1-1)
Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

Measurement & Data

K.MD.A.2 - Describe and compare measurable attributes.

Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has "more of"/"less of" the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-LS1-1)