

Unit 1 | Handout \_\_\_\_\_

*Getting Started: What is an organism?*

**Purpose** | Develop a list of traits common to all living things.  
Construct a working definition of the word "organism."

**Guiding Question** | What is an organism?

**Vocabulary**

Working definition: A definition that may change to accommodate more information as it is discovered.

**Procedure:** See page 4 in your IBI book.

*For this box you may list traits, they do not need to be full sentences.*

List of common traits of organisms

Initial definition of "organism"