

Jean Piaget, *The Child's Conception of the World*, 1929:196.

Child aged 8, stage 1 = life is defined by activity

Is the sun alive? *Yes. Why? It gives light.*

Is a candle alive? *No. Why Not? (Yes) because it gives light. It is alive when it is giving light, but it isn't alive when it isn't giving light.*

Is a bicycle alive? *No, when it doesn't go it is not alive. When it goes it is alive.*

Is a mountain alive? *No. Why not? Because it doesn't do anything.*

Is a tree alive? *No; when it has fruit it's alive; when it hasn't any it is not alive...*

Is an oven alive? *Yes, it cooks the dinner and the tea and the supper.*

Is a watch alive? *Yes. Why? Because it goes...*

Is the bench alive? *No. It's only for sitting on....*