

**READING ACTIVITIES** (Answer key)

**After reading the text, copy and answer the following questions into your notebook:**

Remember: you must make complete sentences.

**1.1. Why is reproduction important for living beings?**

It is important because this vital function ensures the **perpetuation of the species**. New individuals replace the individuals which die, so that species can survive.

**1.2. What are the differences between sexual and asexual reproduction?**

The differences between them are:

- Asexual reproduction requires only **one progenitor**, while sexual reproduction needs **two progenitors**.
- In asexual reproduction, the **descendants** are **identical to the progenitor**, while in sexual reproduction the **descendants** are **similar** but not identical to the progenitors
- Asexual reproduction is carried out through **specialized cells** (*spores*) **or not** (*parts of the body*), while sexual reproduction can only be performed by **specialized cells** (*gametes*)