Garden Claim Detective

Sort garden claims using what you know.

3.LF.25.a "Use prior knowledge and/or details from the text to distinguish fact from opinion."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact can be checked using what you know or details in a text.

A week has seven days.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks or feels. Other people may disagree.

Purple is the nicest color.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or OPINION for each statement, then choose two numbered statements and explain how you know each belongs in its group.

1.	A seed can grow into a plant.	FACT OPINION
2.	Bees have six legs.	FACT OPINION
3.	Sunflowers are the prettiest flowers.	FACT OPINION
4.	Earthworms live in soil.	FACT OPINION
5.	Planting seeds is more fun than playing games.	FACT OPINION
6.	The smell of fresh soil is wonderful.	FACT OPINION
7.	Roots take in water from the soil.	FACT OPINION
8.	A pumpkin has seeds inside it.	FACT OPINION

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new garden FACT and one new garden OPINION.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same garden animal: one FACT and one OPINION. Label each sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A seed can grow into a plant.	**FACT**	Seeds can grow into plants.
2	Bees have six legs.	**FACT**	Bees are insects, which have six legs.
3	Sunflowers are the prettiest flowers.	**OPINION**	Prettiest is a personal judgment.
4	Earthworms live in soil.	**FACT**	Earthworms live in soil.
5	Planting seeds is more fun than playing games.	**OPINION**	People can disagree about what is more fun.
6	The smell of fresh soil is wonderful.	**OPINION**	Wonderful describes a personal feeling.
7	Roots take in water from the soil.	**FACT**	Plant roots absorb water from soil.
8	A pumpkin has seeds inside it.	**FACT**	Pumpkins contain seeds.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FACT**: A carrot is a root.
- **OPINION**: Daisies are the happiest-looking flowers.

Challenge: FACT: A ladybug is a beetle. OPINION: Ladybugs are the cutest beetles.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a way to check a fact or show why an opinion depends on what someone thinks or feels.