Garden Claim Sort

Statements from an article about a community garden

4.LF.20.c "Categorize statements in an article or other informational text as fact or opinion and give reasons for each choice."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact is a statement you can check with evidence. It is still a fact if you do not know whether it is true yet.

The moon orbits Earth.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks, feels, or prefers. People can disagree about it.

Purple is the prettiest color.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or OPINION for each statement, then choose two numbered statements and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1.	Gardeners can grow carrots in raised beds.	FACT OPINION
2.	A watering can holds water for plants.	FACT OPINION
3.	Community gardens are the best places to spend a Saturday.	FACT OPINION
4.	Worms help break down dead leaves in soil.	FACT OPINION
5.	Fresh peas taste better than any other snack.	FACT OPINION
6.	Every neighborhood needs a community garden.	FACT OPINION
7.	Bees can carry pollen from one flower to another.	FACT OPINION
8.	Sunflower seeds can grow into sunflower plants.	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 fact and one new opinion about a community garden.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence mini article about a community garden with one fact and one opinion, and label each sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Gardeners can grow carrots in raised beds.	**FACT**	This can be checked by observing carrots growing in raised beds.
2	A watering can holds water for plants.	**FACT**	The use of a watering can can be checked.
3	Community gardens are the best places to spend a Saturday.	**OPINION**	Best expresses a personal preference.
4	Worms help break down dead leaves in soil.	**FACT**	This can be checked with scientific evidence.
5	Fresh peas taste better than any other snack.	**OPINION**	Taste preferences differ from person to person.
6	Every neighborhood needs a community garden.	**OPINION**	Needs expresses a judgment people may disagree about.
7	Bees can carry pollen from one flower to another.	**FACT**	This can be checked by observing bees.
8	Sunflower seeds can grow into sunflower plants.	**FACT**	This can be checked by planting sunflower 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**: Rain helps plants grow.
- **OPINION**: Digging in the garden is more fun than weeding.

Challenge: FACT: People can grow radishes in a community garden. OPINION: Radishes are the tastiest garden crop.

For Part 2, accept any two numbered statements with reasons that explain whether each can be checked with evidence or expresses a judgment or preference. For Part 3, accept new examples that fit their labels.