Garden Fact Hunt

Sort statements from an article about gardens.

4.LF.20 "Use details and examples from a text to indicate what the text explicitly states. a. Interpret facts from an informational article, using details and examples from the text to explain the interpretation. b..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact can be checked to see if it is true. You can look for evidence in a reliable book or by observing.

An octopus has eight arms.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks or likes. People can disagree about it.

Octopuses are the funniest sea animals.

1 SORT

8 items

For SORT, circle FACT or OPINION for each numbered statement; for PROVE IT, choose two numbers and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1. Bees gather nectar from flowers. FACT OPINION

2. A seed can grow into a plant. FACT OPINION

3. Sunflowers are the loveliest flowers. FACT OPINION

4. Earthworms live in soil. FACT OPINION

5. Watering plants is the most exciting garden job. FACT OPINION

6. A garden smells nicer than a bakery. FACT OPINION

7. Plants need water to grow. FACT OPINION

8. Some flowers have five petals. 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 about a garden and one new opinion about a garden.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about a different outdoor place: one fact you can check and one opinion. Label each sentence and give a reason for each label.

ANSWER KEY # Garden Fact Hunt

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Bees gather nectar from flowers.	**FACT**	Bees collecting nectar can be observed.
2	A seed can grow into a plant.	**FACT**	Seed growth can be observed.
3	Sunflowers are the loveliest flowers.	**OPINION**	Loveliest is a personal judgment.
4	Earthworms live in soil.	**FACT**	Earthworms can be found in soil.
5	Watering plants is the most exciting garden job.	**OPINION**	Most exciting describes a personal feeling.
6	A garden smells nicer than a bakery.	**OPINION**	Nicer depends on a person's preference.
7	Plants need water to grow.	**FACT**	The need for water can be checked through observation.
8	Some flowers have five petals.	**FACT**	Petals can be counted.

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 grows underground.
- **OPINION**: Carrots are the tastiest vegetables.

Challenge: FACT: A pond is a body of water, which a dictionary can confirm. OPINION: A pond is the nicest place to visit, and "nicest" shows a personal judgment.

For PROVE IT, accept any two numbered items when the student explains how a fact could be checked or points to the judgment in an opinion. Accept other accurate, checkable facts and clear opinions in MAKE YOUR OWN.