

Note Match

Sort source notes that answer a research question.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.8 "Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories."

NAME _____

DATE _____

USEFUL NOTE

A useful note gives information that helps answer the research question.

Penguins eat fish.

EXTRA NOTE

An extra note may be true, but it does not help answer the research question.

Penguins have black and white feathers.

1 SORT

8 items

The research question is "How do bees help plants?" Circle USEFUL or EXTRA for each source note, then choose two notes and explain how each does or does not answer the question.

1. Bees carry pollen from one flower to another.

USEFUL

EXTRA

2. Pollen helps plants make seeds.

USEFUL

EXTRA

3. A bee has six legs.

USEFUL

EXTRA

4. Bees visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen.

USEFUL

EXTRA

5. Some bees live in hives.

USEFUL

EXTRA

6. Honey is sweet.

USEFUL

EXTRA

7. Pollinated flowers can grow into fruits with seeds.

USEFUL

EXTRA

8. Bees can help farm crops grow by pollinating flowers.

USEFUL

EXTRA

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new USEFUL source note and one new EXTRA source note for the question "How do bees help plants?"

USEFUL _____

EXTRA _____

CHALLENGE

Write a new research question about bees, then write one USEFUL note and one EXTRA note for your question.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Bees carry pollen from one flower to another.	USEFUL	This explains a way bees help plants.
2	Pollen helps plants make seeds.	USEFUL	This tells why moving pollen helps plants.
3	A bee has six legs.	EXTRA	This fact does not explain how bees help plants.
4	Bees visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen.	USEFUL	This connects bees with flowers and pollen.
5	Some bees live in hives.	EXTRA	This fact does not answer how bees help plants.
6	Honey is sweet.	EXTRA	This fact does not answer the research question.
7	Pollinated flowers can grow into fruits with seeds.	USEFUL	This explains a result of pollination.
8	Bees can help farm crops grow by pollinating flowers.	USEFUL	This directly states how bees help plants.

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)

- **USEFUL:** Bees spread pollen while they move between flowers.
- **EXTRA:** Bees have fuzzy bodies.

Challenge: Question: How do bees communicate? **USEFUL:** Honey bees use a waggle dance to show where food is. **EXTRA:** Honey bees have five eyes.

Answers: 1 **USEFUL**, 2 **USEFUL**, 3 **EXTRA**, 4 **USEFUL**, 5 **EXTRA**, 6 **EXTRA**, 7 **USEFUL**, 8 **USEFUL**.