

Pointing Word Sort

Match the pointing word to the number of things.

2.L.GC.1.11 "Usage: Use determiners (articles, possessive determiners, demonstrative adjectives). (Master)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

ONE THING

Use this or that to point to one thing. The noun names one person, place, animal, or thing.

That puppy yawns.

MORE THINGS

Use these or those to point to more than one thing. The noun names two or more things.

Those candles glow.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle ONE or MANY for each sentence, then choose two items and explain why each belongs in its group.

1. This kite flies high.

ONE

MANY

2. These cookies smell sweet.

ONE

MANY

3. These frogs hop.

ONE

MANY

4. This drum is loud.

ONE

MANY

5. This shell is smooth.

ONE

MANY

6. These stars twinkle.

ONE

MANY

7. This coat is warm.

ONE

MANY

8. These balloons float.

ONE

MANY

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 sentence with a pointing word for ONE thing and one new sentence with a pointing word for MANY things.

ONE _____

MANY _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that has a possessive word and a pointing word before nouns.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	This kite flies high.	ONE	This points to one kite.
2	These cookies smell sweet.	MANY	These points to more than one cookie.
3	These frogs hop.	MANY	These points to more than one frog.
4	This drum is loud.	ONE	This points to one drum.
5	This shell is smooth.	ONE	This points to one shell.
6	These stars twinkle.	MANY	These points to more than one star.
7	This coat is warm.	ONE	This points to one coat.
8	These balloons float.	MANY	These points to more than one balloon.

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)

- **ONE:** That fox runs quickly.
- **MANY:** Those leaves fall softly.

Challenge: Our neighbor planted those roses.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the pointing word and tell whether the noun means one or more than one. Part 3 answers may vary if the pointing words match the number of nouns.