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	MORE THINGS
Use this or that to point to one thing. The noun names one person, place, animal, or thing.	Use these or those to point to more than one thing. The noun names two or more things.
That puppy yawns.	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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.