Check or Choose?

Sort statements, explain your choices, and write your own.

4.RC.8 "Distinguish between fact and opinion; explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support a statement or position (claim) in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact is a statement you can check with evidence and show is true.

Penguins are birds.

OPINION

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

Mangoes taste better than peaches.

1 SORT

8 items

For each statement, circle FACT or OPINION, then in Part 2 choose two item numbers and explain how you knew each answer.

1.	Honeybees have six legs.	FACT OPINION
2.	Reading outdoors is more fun than reading indoors.	FACT OPINION
3.	Blue is the prettiest color for a backpack.	FACT OPINION
4.	A triangle has three sides.	FACT OPINION
5.	Some frogs live in trees.	FACT OPINION
6.	Earth moves around the Sun.	FACT OPINION
7.	Schools should have longer recess.	FACT OPINION
8.	A year has 12 months.	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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new fact and one new opinion.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write an opinion about a school lunch choice, then add one true fact that supports your opinion.

ANSWER KEY

Check or Choose?

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Honeybees have six legs.	**FACT**	A honeybee's legs can be counted.
2	Reading outdoors is more fun than reading indoors.	**OPINION**	What feels fun depends on the person.
3	Blue is the prettiest color for a backpack.	**OPINION**	A color preference cannot be proved true for everyone.
4	A triangle has three sides.	**FACT**	The sides of a triangle can be counted.
5	Some frogs live in trees.	**FACT**	Tree-dwelling frogs can be observed.
6	Earth moves around the Sun.	**FACT**	Scientific observations show that Earth orbits the Sun.
7	Schools should have longer recess.	**OPINION**	This states a view about what schools should do.
8	A year has 12 months.	**FACT**	The months in a year 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**: Spiders have eight legs.
- **OPINION**: Drawing is more fun than painting.

Challenge: Our school should offer oranges at lunch. Oranges contain vitamin C.

For Part 2, accept two item numbers with explanations that show how each statement can be checked or why it expresses a preference or view. For the challenge, the fact must be true and relevant to the opinion.