Note Detective

Sort notes from a book and a website.

C.3.6 "Summarize information from experiences, or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on information from various print/digital sources, and analyze by sorting into appropriate categories."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FOOD	HOME
A FOOD note tells what an animal eats or drinks. A goat munches clover.	A HOME note tells where an animal lives or finds shelter. A barn owl nests inside a barn.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FOOD or HOME for each note, then choose two numbered notes and explain why you placed each one there.

1.	1. Book note: A panda eats bamboo.	FOOD HOME
2.	2. Website note: A rabbit shelters in an underground burrow.	FOOD HOME
3.	3. Book note: A clownfish stays among sea anemones.	FOOD HOME
4.	4. Website note: A hummingbird drinks nectar from flowers.	FOOD HOME
5.	5. Book note: A ladybug eats small insects.	FOOD HOME
6.	6. Website note: A blue whale eats krill.	FOOD HOME
7.	7. Book note: Polar bears live on Arctic sea ice.	FOOD HOME
8.	8. Website note: A garden snail eats leaves.	FOOD HOME

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 FOOD note and one new HOME note about animals.

FOOD _____

HOME _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that tells both what an animal eats and where it lives, then split it into a FOOD note and a HOME note.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. Book note: A panda eats bamboo.	**FOOD**	Bamboo is what the panda eats.
2	2. Website note: A rabbit shelters in an underground burrow.	**HOME**	The burrow is where the rabbit finds shelter.
3	3. Book note: A clownfish stays among sea anemones.	**HOME**	Sea anemones provide a place for the clownfish to live.
4	4. Website note: A hummingbird drinks nectar from flowers.	**FOOD**	Nectar is what the hummingbird drinks.
5	5. Book note: A ladybug eats small insects.	**FOOD**	Small insects are what the ladybug eats.
6	6. Website note: A blue whale eats krill.	**FOOD**	Krill is what the blue whale eats.
7	7. Book note: Polar bears live on Arctic sea ice.	**HOME**	Arctic sea ice is where polar bears live.
8	8. Website note: A garden snail eats leaves.	**FOOD**	Leaves are what the garden snail eats.

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)

- **FOOD**: A squirrel eats acorns.
- **HOME**: A frog lives near a pond.

Challenge: Sentence: A duck eats seeds and lives near a lake. FOOD: A duck eats seeds. HOME: A duck lives near a lake.

For Part 2, accept any two numbered notes with explanations that correctly identify food or a place to live. The book and website labels show the note sources, but they do not decide the categories.