Link the Ideas

Sort words and phrases that connect facts.

W.5.2.c "Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., in contrast, especially)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDS A DETAIL	SHOWS A CONTRAST
This link gives another fact or a more specific detail about the topic.	This link points out how two facts about a topic are different.
The bakery sells bread. **In addition**, it sells muffins.	A guitar has strings. **However**, a drum has a stretched skin.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADD or CONTRAST for each item, then choose two items, one from each category, and explain how the linking words helped you decide.

1.	Rainforests get heavy rain. **Also**, their air stays damp.	ADD CONTRAST
2.	Some rainforest plants grow tall. **On the other hand**, others stay close to the ground.	ADD CONTRAST
3.	The river moves quickly near the falls. **By contrast**, it flows slowly across the plain.	ADD CONTRAST
4.	A beaver uses wood to build its lodge. **For instance**, it piles branches near the shore.	ADD CONTRAST
5.	A telescope helps us see distant stars. **In fact**, it can reveal stars too faint to see with our eyes alone.	ADD CONTRAST
6.	A seal breathes air. **Unlike** a seal, a fish uses gills to get oxygen from water.	ADD CONTRAST
7.	Some craters on the moon are huge. **For example**, one crater can stretch for miles.	ADD CONTRAST
8.	Seeds can spread in several ways. Wind is **especially** helpful for seeds with wings.	ADD CONTRAST

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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new pair of sentences that uses a linking word or phrase to add a detail, and one new pair that uses a linking word or phrase to show a contrast.

ADD _____

CONTRAST _____

CHALLENGE

Write three sentences about one topic, using one linking word or phrase to add a detail and another to show a contrast.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Rainforests get heavy rain. **Also**, their air stays damp.	**ADD**	Also introduces another fact about rainforests.
2	Some rainforest plants grow tall. **On the other hand**, others stay close to the ground.	**CONTRAST**	On the other hand contrasts tall plants with low-growing plants.
3	The river moves quickly near the falls. **By contrast**, it flows slowly across the plain.	**CONTRAST**	By contrast points out the difference in the river's speed.
4	A beaver uses wood to build its lodge. **For instance**, it piles branches near the shore.	**ADD**	For instance adds a specific example of how a beaver uses wood.
5	A telescope helps us see distant stars. **In fact**, it can reveal stars too faint to see with our eyes alone.	**ADD**	In fact adds a detail about what a telescope can reveal.
6	A seal breathes air. **Unlike** a seal, a fish uses gills to get oxygen from water.	**CONTRAST**	Unlike points out a difference between seals and fish.
7	Some craters on the moon are huge. **For example**, one crater can stretch for miles.	**ADD**	For example adds a specific detail about the size of a crater.
8	Seeds can spread in several ways. Wind is **especially** helpful for seeds with wings.	**ADD**	Especially adds a specific detail about which seeds wind helps.

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)

- **ADD**: The library has books about space. It also has books about oceans.
- **CONTRAST**: A pine tree keeps its needles in winter. In contrast, a maple tree loses its leaves.

Challenge: Some birds build nests in trees. In addition, they use twigs to make their nests. However, other birds build nests on the ground.

The sort has five ADD items and three CONTRAST items. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify what the chosen linking words do, not just their category names.