Sort the Ant Facts

Organize research notes by topic.

2.6.W.2 "Students will organize information found during group or individual research, using graphic organizers or other aids."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle one food fact, underline one nest fact, and write J beside one ant job to help you sort your notes.

What Ants Do

1. Ants live in groups called colonies. Many ants make nests in soil. The nest may have many small rooms. Worker ants dig tunnels between the rooms. A queen ant lays eggs inside the nest.

2. Worker ants look for food outside. Some ants eat seeds. Others eat tiny insects. Workers can carry food back to the nest. Ants use their feelers, called antennae, to sense what is around them.

3. An ant colony has many jobs. Workers care for young ants and help keep the nest clean. A queen lays eggs, but she does not gather food. Some ants guard the nest. Ants work together to help their colony live.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where would you sort the fact “Some ants eat seeds”: Food, Nest, or Jobs?

2. Where would you sort the fact “The nest may have many small rooms”: Food, Nest, or Jobs?

3. Where would you sort the fact “Some ants guard the nest”: Food, Nest, or Jobs?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make a research chart with one fact for each heading: Food, Nest, and Jobs. Choose facts from the passage that you did not use in questions 1 to 3.

HEADING	FACT FROM THE PASSAGE

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle one food fact, underline one nest fact, and write J beside one ant job to help you sort your notes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where would you sort the fact "Some ants eat seeds": Food, Nest, or Jobs?	**Food**
2	Where would you sort the fact "The nest may have many small rooms": Food, Nest, or Jobs?	**Nest**
3	Where would you sort the fact "Some ants guard the nest": Food, Nest, or Jobs?	**Jobs**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

HEADING	FACT FROM THE PASSAGE
Food	Some ants eat tiny insects.
Nest	Many ants make nests in soil.
Jobs	Workers care for young ants.

Accept any accurate passage fact that fits its heading and was not used in questions 1 to 3. Some facts may fit more than one heading.