Bee Fact Finder

Read about honeybees and sort the sentences.

3.3.R.6 "Students will distinguish fact from opinion in an informational text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact can be checked to see if it is true.

An octopus has eight arms.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks or feels. People may disagree about it.

Rainy days are the most fun.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or OPINION for each sentence; then choose two numbers and write how you knew for each.

1.	Honeybees have six legs.	FACT OPINION
2.	Honeybees live in colonies.	FACT OPINION
3.	Honeybees are the most amazing insects.	FACT OPINION
4.	Honeybees collect nectar from flowers.	FACT OPINION
5.	Honeybees are prettier than butterflies.	FACT OPINION
6.	Honeybee stripes look beautiful.	FACT OPINION
7.	Honeybees make honey from nectar.	FACT OPINION
8.	A queen honeybee lays eggs.	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 about an animal.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write a fact and an opinion about the same animal, then name the word or words that show the opinion.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Honeybees have six legs.	**FACT**	A honeybee's legs can be counted.
2	Honeybees live in colonies.	**FACT**	This can be checked by learning how honeybees live.
3	Honeybees are the most amazing insects.	**OPINION**	Most amazing is a personal judgment.
4	Honeybees collect nectar from flowers.	**FACT**	This honeybee behavior can be observed.
5	Honeybees are prettier than butterflies.	**OPINION**	Prettier tells a personal preference.
6	Honeybee stripes look beautiful.	**OPINION**	Beautiful tells how someone feels about the stripes.
7	Honeybees make honey from nectar.	**FACT**	This can be checked by learning how honeybees make honey.
8	A queen honeybee lays eggs.	**FACT**	This can be observed and checked.

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**: A turtle has a shell.
- **OPINION**: I think turtles are adorable.

Challenge: A penguin is a bird. Penguins are the funniest birds. The word 'funniest' shows that the second sentence is an opinion.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify how a fact can be checked or how an opinion expresses a judgment. Students may choose any two item numbers.