Change or Adjust?

How Oklahomans live with and change their surroundings

3.C.2 "Examine Oklahoma's geography and how people of Oklahoma interact with their environment. Use maps, graphs, photographs, charts, and geographic technology to organize information about people, places, and environments of the state..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADAPT

People adapt when they change what they do to live with the weather or land. They do not change the land or water.

On a chilly Oklahoma morning, a child wears a coat.

MODIFY

People modify their environment when they change the land or water to meet a need.

People pave a grassy area to make a parking lot.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADAPT or MODIFY for each item, then choose two items and explain how you knew in Part 2.

1. Hikers rest in the shade on a hot day. ADAPT MODIFY
2. People build a dam across a river to make a lake. ADAPT MODIFY
3. Farmers dig channels to bring water to fields. ADAPT MODIFY
4. People wear thick gloves on a snowy day. ADAPT MODIFY
5. Children move their outdoor game inside during a thunderstorm. ADAPT MODIFY
6. People plant rows of trees on open land to block wind. ADAPT MODIFY
7. People use less water during a drought. ADAPT MODIFY
8. People wear boots to walk on muddy trails. ADAPT MODIFY

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 Oklahoma example of ADAPT and one new Oklahoma example of MODIFY.

ADAPT _____

MODIFY _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one MODIFY item from Part 1. Explain how changing the land or water might help people.

ANSWER KEY

Change or Adjust?

GRADE 3 · 3.C.2

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Hikers rest in the shade on a hot day.	**ADAPT**	The hikers change their actions, not the environment.
2	People build a dam across a river to make a lake.	**MODIFY**	The dam changes the river and creates a lake.
3	Farmers dig channels to bring water to fields.	**MODIFY**	Digging channels changes the land and where water flows.
4	People wear thick gloves on a snowy day.	**ADAPT**	People change what they wear, not the environment.
5	Children move their outdoor game inside during a thunderstorm.	**ADAPT**	The children change where they play.
6	People plant rows of trees on open land to block wind.	**MODIFY**	Planting trees changes the vegetation on the land.
7	People use less water during a drought.	**ADAPT**	People change how much water they use.
8	People wear boots to walk on muddy trails.	**ADAPT**	People change what they wear, not the trails.

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)

- **ADAPT**: People put on sunscreen before going outside on a sunny Oklahoma day.
- **MODIFY**: Workers remove rocks from an Oklahoma field to make room for crops.

Challenge: Item 2: A dam can hold river water in a lake for people to use.

Part 2 sample: Item 1 is ADAPT because the hikers change what they do. Item 3 is MODIFY because digging channels changes the land.