Garden Word Sort

Read, sort, and give your reasons.

2.LF.34 "Differentiate between fact and opinion in a text. a. Use prior knowledge and information gathered from research to evaluate opinions in texts. b. Use textual evidence and gathered research from reliable sources to prove facts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact can be proved. You can check it in the text or in a trusted book.

The moon goes around Earth.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks or likes. Facts can help you decide if you agree, but they cannot prove a feeling.

Pancakes taste better than waffles.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or OPINION for each sentence, then choose one of each and write how you knew.

1. Roses are the nicest garden flowers. **FACT** **OPINION**
2. Earthworms live in soil. **FACT** **OPINION**
3. An adult ant has six legs. **FACT** **OPINION**
4. Digging in dirt is more fun than reading. **FACT** **OPINION**
5. A spider has eight legs. **FACT** **OPINION**
6. A seed can grow into a plant. **FACT** **OPINION**
7. Bees are insects. **FACT** **OPINION**
8. Sunflowers are the prettiest flowers. **FACT** **OPINION**

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one of each and write how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new FACT and one new OPINION about nature.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one opinion from the sort, and write one question you could check in a trusted book to help you decide if you agree.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Roses are the nicest garden flowers.	**OPINION**	Nicest is a personal judgment.
2	Earthworms live in soil.	**FACT**	A trusted nature source can confirm where earthworms live.
3	An adult ant has six legs.	**FACT**	A trusted insect source can confirm the number of legs.
4	Digging in dirt is more fun than reading.	**OPINION**	What is more fun depends on the person.
5	A spider has eight legs.	**FACT**	A trusted animal source can confirm the number of legs.
6	A seed can grow into a plant.	**FACT**	A trusted plant source can confirm what a seed can grow into.
7	Bees are insects.	**FACT**	A trusted animal source can confirm that bees are insects.
8	Sunflowers are the prettiest flowers.	**OPINION**	Prettiest is a personal judgment.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one of each and write how you knew.
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 ladybug is an insect.
- **OPINION**: Ladybugs are the cutest bugs.

Challenge: For "Sunflowers are the prettiest flowers," I could check a flower book to answer, "What colors can sunflowers be?"

For Part 2, accept a fact explanation that says how to check it in a text or trusted source. An opinion explanation should point to a word or idea that shows a personal judgment.