Hive Claim Hunt

Sort statements about honeybees.

4.3.R.6 "Students will distinguish fact from opinion in an informational text and explain how reasons and facts support specific points."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact can be checked in a reliable source. Facts can support a point.

A week has seven days.

OPINION

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

Rainy days are the most enjoyable.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle FACT or OPINION for each statement; for Part 2, choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. Honeybees have six legs. FACT OPINION
2. Honeybees collect nectar from flowers. FACT OPINION
3. Honeybees are the most interesting insects. FACT OPINION
4. Honeybees use wax to build honeycomb. FACT OPINION
5. Watching honeybees is more fun than watching ants. FACT OPINION
6. A honeybee has two pairs of wings. FACT OPINION
7. Worker honeybees are female. FACT OPINION
8. Honey tastes better than any other sweet food. 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

Part 3: Write one new fact and one new opinion about honeybees.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Challenge: Write an opinion about why honeybees matter to flowering plants, then give a fact that supports your point.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Honeybees have six legs.	**FACT**	The number of legs can be checked.
2	Honeybees collect nectar from flowers.	**FACT**	This behavior can be observed and checked.
3	Honeybees are the most interesting insects.	**OPINION**	What is most interesting depends on the person.
4	Honeybees use wax to build honeycomb.	**FACT**	The material honeybees use can be checked.
5	Watching honeybees is more fun than watching ants.	**OPINION**	What is more fun depends on the person.
6	A honeybee has two pairs of wings.	**FACT**	The number of wings can be checked.
7	Worker honeybees are female.	**FACT**	This can be checked in a reliable source.
8	Honey tastes better than any other sweet food.	**OPINION**	Taste is a personal judgment.

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**: Honeybees live in groups called colonies.
- **OPINION**: A honeybee's striped body looks beautiful.

Challenge: Honeybees are wonderful helpers for flowering plants. They carry pollen between flowers, which helps many plants make seeds.

In Part 2, accept explanations that identify whether a statement can be checked or expresses a personal judgment. In the challenge, the fact should support the opinion.