Note Match

Sort source notes that answer a research question.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.8 "Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories."

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USEFUL NOTE

A useful note gives information that helps answer the research question. Example question: What do penguins eat?

Penguins eat fish.

EXTRA NOTE

An extra note may be true, but it does not help answer the research question. Use the same penguin-food question for the example.

Penguins have black and white feathers.

Source for new notes: Bees at Flowers

Bees visit flowers for nectar and pollen. As a bee moves between flowers, pollen can cling to its body and reach another flower. This pollination helps many plants form seeds. Some flowers develop into fruits containing seeds. Bees also have six legs and antennae. This short classroom source was written for this worksheet.

1 SORT

8 items

The research question is "How do bees help plants?" Circle USEFUL or EXTRA for each source note, then choose two notes and explain how each does or does not answer the question.

1.	Bees carry pollen from one flower to another.	USEFUL	EXTRA
2.	Pollen helps plants make seeds.	USEFUL	EXTRA
3.	A bee has six legs.	USEFUL	EXTRA
4.	Bees visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen.	USEFUL	EXTRA
5.	Some bees live in hives.	USEFUL	EXTRA
6.	Honey is sweet.	USEFUL	EXTRA
7.	Pollinated flowers can grow into fruits with seeds.	USEFUL	EXTRA
8.	Bees can help farm crops grow by pollinating flowers.	USEFUL	EXTRA

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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Read "Bees at Flowers." Take two brief notes in your own words: put one note answering "How do bees help plants?" under USEFUL and one fact that does not answer it under EXTRA. Name the source with each note.

USEFUL _____

EXTRA _____

CHALLENGE

Using the same source, write a new research question about bee body parts, then write one USEFUL and one EXTRA source note for your question.

ANSWER KEY # Note Match

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Bees carry pollen from one flower to another.	**USEFUL**	This explains a way bees help plants.
2	Pollen helps plants make seeds.	**USEFUL**	This tells why moving pollen helps plants.
3	A bee has six legs.	**EXTRA**	This fact does not explain how bees help plants.
4	Bees visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen.	**USEFUL**	This connects bees with flowers and pollen.
5	Some bees live in hives.	**EXTRA**	This fact does not answer how bees help plants.
6	Honey is sweet.	**EXTRA**	This fact does not answer the research question.
7	Pollinated flowers can grow into fruits with seeds.	**USEFUL**	This explains a result of pollination.
8	Bees can help farm crops grow by pollinating flowers.	**USEFUL**	This directly states how bees help plants.

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)

- **USEFUL**: USEFUL — Bees move pollen so many plants can make seeds. Source: Bees at Flowers.
- **EXTRA**: EXTRA — Bees have six legs. Source: Bees at Flowers.

Challenge: Question: What body parts do bees have? USEFUL: Bees have antennae. EXTRA: Pollination helps plants make seeds. Source for both: Bees at Flowers.

Answers: 1 USEFUL, 2 USEFUL, 3 EXTRA, 4 USEFUL, 5 EXTRA, 6 EXTRA, 7 USEFUL, 8 USEFUL.