Beaver Note Sort

Sort facts from beaver research.

3.W.8 "Gather and recall information from experiences and print and digital sources. Take brief notes on sources. Sort evidence into provided categories."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FOOD	MOVEMENT
A food note tells what an animal eats. A robin eats worms.	A movement note tells how an animal gets from place to place. A robin flies across a field.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FOOD or MOVE for each note, then pick two notes and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1. Beavers eat willow bark. FOOD MOVE
2. Beavers dive below the water. FOOD MOVE
3. Beavers waddle on land. FOOD MOVE
4. Beavers eat pond plants. FOOD MOVE
5. Beavers eat soft tree twigs. FOOD MOVE
6. Beavers eat leaves from trees. FOOD MOVE
7. Beavers swim with their webbed back feet. FOOD MOVE
8. Beavers swim under ice in winter. FOOD MOVE

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 beaver note about food and one new beaver note about movement. Do not copy a note above.

FOOD _____

MOVE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one note about another animal that tells both what it eats and how it moves. Explain why it fits both categories.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Beavers eat willow bark.	**FOOD**	Willow bark is something beavers eat.
2	Beavers dive below the water.	**MOVE**	Diving tells how beavers move.
3	Beavers waddle on land.	**MOVE**	Waddling tells how beavers move.
4	Beavers eat pond plants.	**FOOD**	Pond plants are food for beavers.
5	Beavers eat soft tree twigs.	**FOOD**	Tree twigs are something beavers eat.
6	Beavers eat leaves from trees.	**FOOD**	Tree leaves are food for beavers.
7	Beavers swim with their webbed back feet.	**MOVE**	Swimming tells how beavers move.
8	Beavers swim under ice in winter.	**MOVE**	Swimming tells how beavers move.

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)

- **FOOD**: Beavers eat aspen bark.
- **MOVE**: Movement: Beavers use their tails to steer while swimming.

Challenge: A duck swims to reach plants it eats. It fits MOVE because the duck swims and FOOD because it eats plants.

Items 1, 4, 5, and 6 are FOOD. Items 2, 3, 7, and 8 are MOVE. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify what the note says the beaver eats or how it moves.