Wildlife Note Sort

Put animal facts where they belong.

4.W.8.a "Take notes and categorize information."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FOOD	PLACE
A FOOD note tells what an animal eats.	A PLACE note tells where an animal lives.
Koalas munch eucalyptus leaves.	Puffins nest on rocky cliffs.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FOOD or PLACE for each numbered note, then choose two notes and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	An otter eats clams.	FOOD PLACE
2.	A bat eats moths.	FOOD PLACE
3.	A camel lives in deserts.	FOOD PLACE
4.	A woodpecker eats beetles.	FOOD PLACE
5.	An emperor penguin lives along Antarctic coasts.	FOOD PLACE
6.	A meerkat lives in grasslands.	FOOD PLACE
7.	A porcupine eats tree bark.	FOOD PLACE
8.	A heron eats fish.	FOOD PLACE

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 FOOD note and one new PLACE note about animals not named above.

FOOD _____

PLACE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both a FOOD fact and a PLACE fact about one new animal, then split it into two labeled notes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	An otter eats clams.	**FOOD**	Clams are something an otter eats.
2	A bat eats moths.	**FOOD**	Moths are something a bat eats.
3	A camel lives in deserts.	**PLACE**	Deserts are a place where camels live.
4	A woodpecker eats beetles.	**FOOD**	Beetles are something a woodpecker eats.
5	An emperor penguin lives along Antarctic coasts.	**PLACE**	Antarctic coasts are a place where emperor penguins live.
6	A meerkat lives in grasslands.	**PLACE**	Grasslands are a place where meerkats live.
7	A porcupine eats tree bark.	**FOOD**	Tree bark is something a porcupine eats.
8	A heron eats fish.	**FOOD**	Fish are something a heron eats.

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**: A hummingbird drinks nectar.
- **PLACE**: A snow leopard lives in high mountains.

Challenge: A frog eats insects and lives near ponds. FOOD: A frog eats insects. PLACE: A frog lives near ponds.

For PROVE IT, accept explanations that identify the food or place named in each chosen note. For example, item 2 names moths as food, and item 3 names deserts as a place.