# Link Detectives

Find out what each link connects in a field guide.

**5.W.2.c** "Link ideas within and across categories, paragraphs or sections of information using grade level appropriate words, phrases, and clauses."

NAME _____ DATE _____

### WITHIN ONE KIND

A WITHIN link joins facts about one kind of thing. Both ideas stay with that same kind.

A lantern gives off light. It also has a handle for carrying.

### ACROSS TWO KINDS

An ACROSS link joins ideas about two different kinds of things. The link may show how they are alike or different.

A kayak moves with a paddle. In contrast, a sailboat moves with wind.

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle WITHIN or ACROSS for each numbered pair, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

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|---|---|---|
| **1.** | 1. A beaver builds a dam with branches. Also, a beaver builds a lodge for shelter. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **2.** | 2. A robin pulls worms from the soil. By comparison, a heron catches fish in water. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **3.** | 3. A fox hunts on land. In contrast, a dolphin hunts in water. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **4.** | 4. An oak tree grows acorns. In addition, an oak tree provides shade. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **5.** | 5. A sea turtle lays eggs on a beach. Also, a sea turtle digs a nest in the sand. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **6.** | 6. An ant lives in a colony. Similarly, a honeybee lives in a colony. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **7.** | 7. A bat has wings. Also, a bat has fur. | WITHIN ACROSS |
| **8.** | 8. A cactus has spines. In addition, a cactus stores water in its stem. | WITHIN ACROSS |

## 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

Write one new two-sentence example that links ideas WITHIN one kind of thing and one that links ideas ACROSS two kinds of things. Use a linking word or phrase in each example.

**WITHIN**

**ACROSS**

**CHALLENGE**

Write three sentences about two kinds of habitats. Use one WITHIN link and one ACROSS link, and underline both linking words or phrases.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 5 · 5.W.2.c**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1. A beaver builds a dam with branches. Also, a beaver builds a lodge for shelter. | **WITHIN** | Both facts are about beavers. |
| 2 | 2. A robin pulls worms from the soil. By comparison, a heron catches fish in water. | **ACROSS** | The link connects robins and herons. |
| 3 | 3. A fox hunts on land. In contrast, a dolphin hunts in water. | **ACROSS** | The link connects foxes and dolphins. |
| 4 | 4. An oak tree grows acorns. In addition, an oak tree provides shade. | **WITHIN** | Both facts are about oak trees. |
| 5 | 5. A sea turtle lays eggs on a beach. Also, a sea turtle digs a nest in the sand. | **WITHIN** | Both facts are about sea turtles. |
| 6 | 6. An ant lives in a colony. Similarly, a honeybee lives in a colony. | **ACROSS** | The link connects ants and honeybees. |
| 7 | 7. A bat has wings. Also, a bat has fur. | **WITHIN** | Both facts are about bats. |
| 8 | 8. A cactus has spines. In addition, a cactus stores water in its stem. | **WITHIN** | Both facts are about cacti. |

## 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)

- **WITHIN**: A pine tree grows cones. Also, a pine tree has needles.
- **ACROSS**: A spider has eight legs. By contrast, an insect has six legs.

**Challenge:** A pond has plenty of water. Also, a pond is home to frogs. In contrast, a desert has very little water.

For Part 2, item 1 stays with beavers, while item 6 connects ants and honeybees. Accept other explanations that correctly identify the one kind or two kinds being linked.