

Research Text Types

Recognising Facts – Consider the Ant 1

Cut out the cards, mix them up, then match together the sentence halves. Put each sentence into one of four categories: a) True Facts, b) False Facts, c) Suppositions, d) Opinions. Say how you know this in each case. Finally, after learning so much about ants, discuss whether your view of them has changed in any way.

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| 1. It appears that ants usually communicate | using pheromones, sounds, and touch. |
| 2. In my view ants are one of the most | annoying kinds of insect in the world! |
| 3. Ants cannot survive | for very long in water. |
| 4. It is probably fair to say that an ant colony | can contain millions of ants. |
| 5. Experts agree that there are | more than 12,000 different species of ant around the world. |
| 6. As far as I'm concerned, ants have | no redeeming features whatsoever. |
| 7. <i>Antz</i> is the title of a 1998 computer-animated film | by Pixar, starring Woody Allen as an anxious ant called Z. |
| 8. The fact that some ants are cannibals | does not really make me warm to them. |
| 9. I believe that ants are considered pests | by many people, especially gardeners. |
| 10. Some ants can live for up to 30 years, | making them one of the longest-living insects. |
| 11. Ants have an aversion to | sweet sugary food. |
| 12. I heard on the radio that there are about | one million ants for every human in the world. |
| 13. Personally I need to find a good ant powder | that will get rid of them permanently. |
| 14. Ants are incredibly strong for their size | and are able to lift up to fifty times their body weight. |
| 15. There are more species of ant | in Europe than in Asia. |
| 16. If I'm not mistaken, there are lots of jokes about ants, including: | 'What is the biggest ant in the world? A <i>giant</i> . Or is it, an <i>elephant</i> ?' |
| 17. There are ants native to every continent on earth, | apart from, ironically, <u>Antarctica</u> . |
| 18. If you ask me, ants are not really | beneficial to humankind in any way. |
| 19. Ants do not have ears but are able to 'hear' | by feeling vibrations through their feet. |
| 20. Most ants have | eight lungs. |