

# Research Text Types

## Recognising Facts – Consider the Ant 2

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.

1. Ants are highly competitive and	find it difficult to cooperate.
2. Ants have two stomachs –	one to hold food for themselves and another to keep food for other ants.
3. It is always worth keeping	some ant powder in the cupboard.
4. A worker ant weighs around 1-5 mg,	depending on the species.
5. It seems ants usually communicate	using pheromones, sounds, and touch – I think.
6. Ants specialise in power naps,	taking around 250 short (minute-long) naps per day.
7. Ants are ugly and creepy and	it irritates me when they get into my house.
8. Ants attack and defend themselves	by beating their opponents.
9. It is a distinct possibility that	ants get into our homes by marching boldly through tiny cracks.
10. A single army ant queen can produce	up to 300,000 eggs in just a few days.
11. Ants are renowned for causing havoc	in the garden.
12. To my mind ants should	stay outside where they belong.
13. I'm not sure, but I'm reliably informed that the word 'ant' comes from West Germanic,	via Old English and Dutch, with the meaning 'the biter'.
14. Ants are unable to drink water	because they are allergic to moisture.
15. It looks like there are lots of English words that contain 'ant',	thanks to the prefix 'anti-' and the suffix '-ant'.
16. Ants are smug little creatures,	aren't they?
17. My feeling is that ants only like to enter dirty	homes where there is food on the floor.
18. Ants have eight legs,	just like spiders.
19. It is said that when you kill an ant it releases pheromones which	encourages other ants to investigate, meaning more ants appear.
20. Most ants cannot see very well,	and some are completely blind.