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Instructions: Read each sentence from *Are GMOs Safe?* On the line after each sentence, write an *O* if the statement is an opinion or an *F* if it is a fact.

- ① Unlike traditional tomatoes, the Flavr Savr stayed firm long after ripening. _____
- ② Genetically modifying organisms is an incredible development in the field of science. _____
- ③ Over the past few decades, people have developed new technology to grow foods that never existed before. _____
- ④ It is estimated that between 60 and 80 percent of processed food in the United States contain GMOs. _____
- ⑤ All food containing genetically modified ingredients should be clearly labeled. _____
- ⑥ GMO food products became a part of the U.S. food supply in the mid-1990s. _____
- ⑦ Farmers raising GMO crops can spray their entire fields with herbicides, which reduce the time and labor it takes to raise those crops. _____
- ⑧ Consumers have the right to know whether or not they're eating food grown using GMO technology. _____
- ⑨ Without a doubt, crops engineered to kill "pest" insects will also kill helpful insects such as ladybugs, bees, and butterflies. _____
- ⑩ The positive or negative effects of any new technology cannot be fully understood without long-term study. _____

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Instructions: Place commas between the items in each list in the sentences below.

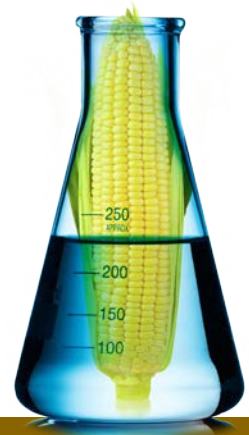
- ① Studies have charted increases in depression weight gain and Alzheimer's disease since GMO foods went on the market.
- ② Some people fear that crops engineered to kill "pest" insects will also kill helpful insects such as ladybugs bees and butterflies.
- ③ The most common crops currently grown with GMO technology are alfalfa cotton canola corn sugar beets soy and zucchini.
- ④ About 90 percent of the corn cotton and soybeans grown in the United States are GMOs.
- ⑤ Corn meal and corn syrup become ingredients in cereal cookies pet foods and countless other foods.
- ⑥ With genetic engineering, people don't have to grow generations of plants to make them look taste or behave differently.
- ⑦ Experts want to discover the impact of GMOs on the environment wild plants and wild animals.



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Instructions: Choose a synonym and an antonym for each word from the box. Put a check mark in the last column after you check your answers in a thesaurus.

far	abnormal	danger	close
worthless	familiar	boost	safe
decline	foreign	useful	typical
adapt	rewarding	harmful	unchanged



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Synonym	Word	Antonym	Thesaurus
	helpful		
	unknown		
	risk		
	increase		
	profitable		
	modify		
	common		
	nearby		

Skill: Synonyms and Antonyms