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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, Flavr Savrs ripened longer on the vine before they were picked and sent to market. \_\_\_\_\_
- ② The genetic modification of organisms is an incredible advancement in the field of science. \_\_\_\_\_
- ③ Since the birth of agriculture, humans have bred plants to grow food crops not found in the wild. \_\_\_\_\_
- ④ It is estimated that between 60 and 80 percent of processed food in the United States contains GMOs. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑤ All food containing genetically modified ingredients should be clearly labeled. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑥ Many people are concerned about possible risks to their families and the environment from genetically modified foods. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑦ Farmers raising GMO crops can spray their entire fields with herbicides, which reduces 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 The vast majority of GMO crops on the market today have been modified by adding genes to help them resist crop-eating pests or weed-killing chemicals. \_\_\_\_\_
- 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.

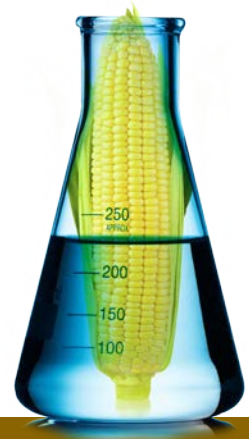
- ① Studies have charted increases in depression weight gain and Alzheimer's disease since GMO foods went on the market.
- ② More studies need to be done to determine the effects that GMOs might have on insects such as ladybugs bees and butterflies.
- ③ The most common crops currently grown with GMO 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.
- ⑧ Soy eggs milk and peanuts are common food allergens.



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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.

burden	abnormal	danger	aid
worthless	familiar	save	safe
release	foreign	required	typical
adapt	rewarding	optional	unchanged



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Synonym	Word	Antonym	Thesaurus
	mandatory		
	unknown		
	risk		
	preserve		
	profitable		
	modify		
	common		
	hinder		

Skill: Synonyms and Antonyms