

### **Risks vs. Benefits**

The use of agricultural chemicals has both risks and benefits. Determine whether each statement represents a risk or a benefit and write your answer on the line.

1. **Benefit**      More food can be produced using agricultural chemicals.
  
2. **Risk**      Farmers may become ill if they apply agricultural chemicals improperly.
  
3. **Benefit**      Agricultural chemicals destroy disease-carrying insects.
  
4. **Benefit**      Federal, state, and local governments strictly regulate usage of agricultural chemicals.
  
5. **Risk**      Excessive use of agricultural chemicals may cause runoff into rivers, ponds, and lakes, harming fish and other wildlife.
  
6. **Benefit**      Agricultural chemicals can lower crop production costs for farmers.
  
7. **Risk**      If the wind blows agricultural chemicals onto other kinds of plants, those plants may be harmed.
  
8. **Benefit**      Agricultural chemicals help the U.S. have the most abundant supply of safe food in the world.