

Talk Mark Detectives

Spot the marks that show someone is talking.

2.L.GC.1.30 "Mechanics: Recognize and use conventional capitalization, quotation marks, and commas to indicate exact words and dialogue. (Introduce)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

WRITTEN CORRECTLY

A correct dialogue sentence uses capital letters where needed. It has a comma after said and quotation marks around the exact words.

Omar said, "Pack your boots."

NEEDS A FIX

A sentence needs a fix when it is missing a capital letter, comma, or quotation marks for spoken words.

Nia said "We can bake."

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or FIX for each sentence, then pick two items and tell which capital letter, comma, or quotation marks helped you decide.

1. Leo said, "I found a shell."

CORRECT

FIX

2. Ava said, "my hat is blue."

CORRECT

FIX

3. Ben said "This soup is hot."

CORRECT

FIX

4. Mrs. Kim said, "Look at the stars."

CORRECT

FIX

5. The coach said, "Run to the cone."

CORRECT

FIX

6. Eli said, "I drew a dragon."

CORRECT

FIX

7. Tia said, We need a map.

CORRECT

FIX

8. Grandpa said, "Please close the gate."

CORRECT

FIX

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new CORRECT dialogue sentence and one new FIX dialogue sentence.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Fix this sentence by adding all the needed marks: maya said i saved a seat for you.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Leo said, "I found a shell."	CORRECT	It has a capital letter, a comma after said, and quotation marks around the spoken words.
2	Ava said, "my hat is blue."	FIX	The first word inside the quotation marks should begin with a capital letter: My.
3	Ben said "This soup is hot."	FIX	It needs a comma after said.
4	Mrs. Kim said, "Look at the stars."	CORRECT	It has correct capitalization, a comma after said, and quotation marks.
5	The coach said, "Run to the cone."	CORRECT	It has correct capitalization, a comma after said, and quotation marks.
6	Eli said, "I drew a dragon."	CORRECT	It has correct capitalization, a comma after said, and quotation marks.
7	Tia said, We need a map.	FIX	The exact spoken words need quotation marks.
8	Grandpa said, "Please close the gate."	CORRECT	It has correct capitalization, a comma after said, and quotation marks.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT:** Rosa said, "My boots are wet."
- **FIX:** Noah said I see a rabbit.

Challenge: Maya said, "I saved a seat for you."

Items 1, 4, 5, 6, and 8 are CORRECT. Items 2, 3, and 7 are FIX because they need a capital letter, a comma, or quotation marks.