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 _____

CORRECT

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

Omar said, "Pack your boots."

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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."

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