

Title Mark Detectives

Sort, prove, and create poem titles.

3.L.GC.1.41 “Mechanics: Use conventional capitalization and underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works. (Introduce)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

READY TITLE

A poem title is correct when the first and important words begin with capital letters and the title has quotation marks.

“A Tiny Sailboat”

FIX THIS TITLE

This poem title is missing capital letters, quotation marks, or both. It needs to be revised.

my noisy drum

1 SORT

8 items

For each poem title, circle CORRECT or REVISE, then choose two items and tell what makes each correct or what each needs.

1. “Purple Clouds”

CORRECT

REVISE

2. “The Fox Finds Home”

CORRECT

REVISE

3. whispers at night

CORRECT

REVISE

4. “Jumping Frogs”

CORRECT

REVISE

5. “the Old Oak”

CORRECT

REVISE

6. rainy Day

CORRECT

REVISE

7. “Seven Bright Stars”

CORRECT

REVISE

8. “Across the river”

CORRECT

REVISE

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 poem title and one new REVISE poem title.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this poem title correctly: golden leaves in fall

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	"Purple Clouds"	CORRECT	The important words are capitalized, and quotation marks show it is a poem title.
2	"The Fox Finds Home"	CORRECT	The first and important words are capitalized, and the title has quotation marks.
3	whispers at night	REVISE	It needs quotation marks and capital letters for Whispers and Night.
4	"Jumping Frogs"	CORRECT	Both important words are capitalized, and the title has quotation marks.
5	"the Old Oak"	REVISE	The first word, The, should begin with a capital letter.
6	rainy Day	REVISE	It needs quotation marks and a capital letter for Rainy.
7	"Seven Bright Stars"	CORRECT	The important words are capitalized, and quotation marks show it is a poem title.
8	"Across the river"	REVISE	River is an important word and should begin with a capital letter.

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:** "A Blue Balloon"
- **REVISE:** summer picnic

Challenge: "Golden Leaves in Fall"

Sort answers: 1 CORRECT, 2 CORRECT, 3 REVISE, 4 CORRECT, 5 REVISE, 6 REVISE, 7 CORRECT, 8 REVISE. Accept other student-created titles if their capitalization and quotation marks match the category.