Quote Check

Sort evidence sentences by their writing mechanics.

5.L.GC.1.54 "Mechanics: Use conventional capitalization, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, and parentheses (citations) when incorporating textual evidence. (Introduce)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT EVIDENCE

This sentence uses capital letters, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, and parentheses correctly when it includes a quotation from a text.

The author writes, "The sky turned green" (Lopez 4).

NEEDS FIXING

This sentence has at least one mistake in its capital letters, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, or parentheses citation.

In "Garden Days" the author writes "Seeds need sunlight" (Patel 6).

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the tag that fits each sentence, then choose two items and explain in Part 2 how you knew where they belonged.

1. In "Mountain Trail," the narrator says, "The path was steep" (James 7). CORRECT FIX

2. The article states, "Bees carry pollen from flower to flower" (Nguyen 3). CORRECT FIX

3. In "winter birds," the writer explains, "Some birds fly south" (Owen 11). CORRECT FIX

4. In "River Maps," the guide asks, "Which way does the stream turn?" (Diaz 5). CORRECT FIX

5. The guide writes, "Pack extra water for the hike." Diaz 9. CORRECT FIX

6. In "Hidden Caves," the explorer says, "Bring a flashlight (Lee 14). CORRECT FIX

7. In "The Lost Key," aria whispers, "Look under the bench" (Hall 2). CORRECT FIX

8. The historian writes, "The bridge opened in 1912" (King 6). 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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new evidence sentence that is CORRECT and one new evidence sentence that needs a FIX.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one FIX item and rewrite it correctly.

ANSWER KEY # Quote Check

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	In "Mountain Trail," the narrator says, "The path was steep" (James 7).	**CORRECT**	Capitalization, comma, quotation marks, parenthetical citation, and final period are used correctly.
2	The article states, "Bees carry pollen from flower to flower" (Nguyen 3).	**CORRECT**	The quotation is introduced and cited with correct punctuation.
3	In "winter birds," the writer explains, "Some birds fly south" (Owen 11).	**FIX**	The title should begin with a capital letter: "Winter Birds."
4	In "River Maps," the guide asks, "Which way does the stream turn?" (Diaz 5).	**CORRECT**	The question mark belongs inside the quotation marks, and the citation is correctly placed.
5	The guide writes, "Pack extra water for the hike." Diaz 9.	**FIX**	The citation should be in parentheses, and the period should come after the citation.
6	In "Hidden Caves," the explorer says, "Bring a flashlight (Lee 14).	**FIX**	The closing quotation mark is missing, and the citation belongs outside the quotation marks.
7	In "The Lost Key," aria whispers, "Look under the bench" (Hall 2).	**FIX**	Aria is a name and should begin with a capital letter.
8	The historian writes, "The bridge opened in 1912" (King 6).	**CORRECT**	The quotation and parenthetical citation are punctuated correctly.

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**: The scientist explains, "Water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit" (Morris 15).
- **FIX**: In "Ocean Life" the author writes, "Coral reefs shelter many animals" (Stone 8).

Challenge: Item 6: In "Hidden Caves," the explorer says, "Bring a flashlight" (Lee 14).

For Part 2, accept explanations that name a specific convention, such as a missing comma, incorrect capitalization, misplaced citation, or missing quotation mark. For Part 3, student examples may use invented text titles and authors as long as the mechanics match the category.