

# Quote It Right

Show when a shortened quote needs three dots.

**8.L.GC.1.50** "Mechanics: Use ellipses appropriately. (Master)"

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## WORDS OMITTED

Choose OMITTED when a quote leaves out words from the middle of the source. Use an ellipsis, three dots, to mark the missing words.

Source: "Astronauts tested the new rover in a desert." Short quote: "Astronauts ... in a desert."

## WORDS COPIED

Choose COPIED when the quote includes all the words from the source. Do not add an ellipsis when no words are missing.

Source: "Bees visited the lavender garden at noon." Quote: "Bees visited the lavender garden at noon."

## 1 SORT \_\_\_\_\_ 7 items

For Part 1, circle OMITTED or COPIED for each quote, then for Part 2, choose two items and explain how the source proves each choice.

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| 1. | Source: "The captain checked the compass before dawn." Short quote: "The captain ... before dawn."                 | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |
| 2. | Source: "Our class planted tulips beside the library." Quote: "Our class planted tulips beside the library."       | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |
| 3. | Source: "The chef stirred the soup slowly." Quote: "The chef stirred the soup slowly."                             | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |
| 4. | Source: "Jordan saved his notes in a blue folder." Short quote: "Jordan saved ... in a blue folder."               | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |
| 5. | Source: "The judges announced the winners after lunch." Short quote: "The judges ... after lunch."                 | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |
| 6. | Source: "A comet appeared above the hills last night." Quote: "A comet appeared above the hills last night."       | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |
| 7. | Source: "The historian examined letters from the mayor." Short quote: "The historian examined ... from the mayor." | <input type="radio"/> OMITTED | <input type="radio"/> COPIED |

**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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**ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOW I KNEW** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3****MAKE YOUR OWN**

One of each

Write one source sentence and a shortened quote with an ellipsis for OMITTED. Then write one source sentence and an exact quote for COPIED.

**OMITTED**

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**COPIED**

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**CHALLENGE**

Write a source sentence, quote it with an ellipsis that leaves out words in the middle, and name the words you omitted.

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## PART 1 • SORT

| # | ITEM                                                                                                               | CATEGORY | WHY                                                                        |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Source: "The captain checked the compass before dawn." Short quote: "The captain ... before dawn."                 | OMITTED  | The words "checked the compass" are omitted from the middle of the source. |
| 2 | Source: "Our class planted tulips beside the library." Quote: "Our class planted tulips beside the library."       | COPIED   | The quote copies every word in the source.                                 |
| 3 | Source: "The chef stirred the soup slowly." Quote: "The chef stirred the soup slowly."                             | COPIED   | No words are left out of the source.                                       |
| 4 | Source: "Jordan saved his notes in a blue folder." Short quote: "Jordan saved ... in a blue folder."               | OMITTED  | The words "his notes" are omitted.                                         |
| 5 | Source: "The judges announced the winners after lunch." Short quote: "The judges ... after lunch."                 | OMITTED  | The words "announced the winners" are omitted.                             |
| 6 | Source: "A comet appeared above the hills last night." Quote: "A comet appeared above the hills last night."       | COPIED   | The quote is an exact copy of the source.                                  |
| 7 | Source: "The historian examined letters from the mayor." Short quote: "The historian examined ... from the mayor." | OMITTED  | The word "letters" is omitted from the middle.                             |

## 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)

- **OMITTED:** Source: "The drummer practiced for an hour after rehearsal." Short quote: "The drummer ... after rehearsal."
- **COPIED:** Source: "Frogs croaked beside the pond at dusk." Quote: "Frogs croaked beside the pond at dusk."

**Challenge:** Source: "Nora packed a compass before she walked to the campsite." Short quote: "Nora packed a compass ... to the campsite." I omitted "before she walked."

For Part 2, students should point to the words in the source and explain whether words between them were removed. An ellipsis is appropriate only when the shortened quote leaves out words from within the source.