

Quote It Right

Sort evidence sentences by their punctuation and citation conventions.

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

NAME _____

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CONVENTIONAL EVIDENCE

This sentence uses a capital letter and comma to introduce a quote. It puts the quoted words in quotation marks and the source in parentheses before the final punctuation.

The traveler recalls, "Dawn painted the valley gold" (Morris 18).

EVIDENCE TO REVISE

This sentence has at least one error in capitalization, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, or its parenthetical citation.

The poet writes "Rain taps softly" (Nguyen 3).

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle CORRECT or REVISE, then choose two items and explain which punctuation or citation clues helped you sort them.

1. The captain announces, "We leave at sunrise" (Davis 41).

CORRECT

REVISE

2. The speaker remembers, "My hands shook" (Ortiz 7).

CORRECT

REVISE

3. The witness says "I heard the bell" (Kim 11).

CORRECT

REVISE

4. The article explains, "Recycling saves energy" (Baker 29).

CORRECT

REVISE

5. The author writes, "the path was steep" (Allen 4).

CORRECT

REVISE

6. the narrator admits, "I missed my home" (Jones 15).

CORRECT

REVISE

7. The novel states, "The door creaked open" (Price 33).

CORRECT

REVISE

8. The report notes, "Birds migrate south." (Young 20)

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 _____

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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 REVISE. Include a signal phrase, a direct quote, and a parenthetical citation in both sentences.

CORRECT

REVISE

CHALLENGE

Revise this sentence so it uses conventional capitalization, a comma, quotation marks, a parenthetical citation, and end punctuation: in the article "saving water matters." (Reed 9)

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The captain announces, "We leave at sunrise" (Davis 41).	CORRECT	The signal phrase has a capital letter and comma, and the citation comes before the final period.
2	The speaker remembers, "My hands shook" (Ortiz 7).	CORRECT	The quotation marks, comma, capitalization, citation placement, and final period are conventional.
3	The witness says "I heard the bell" (Kim 11).	REVISE	A comma is needed after says before the quotation.
4	The article explains, "Recycling saves energy" (Baker 29).	CORRECT	The sentence correctly introduces, quotes, cites, and punctuates the evidence.
5	The author writes, "the path was steep" (Allen 4).	REVISE	The first word of the quoted complete sentence should be capitalized.
6	the narrator admits, "I missed my home" (Jones 15).	REVISE	The sentence should begin with a capital letter.
7	The novel states, "The door creaked open" (Price 33).	CORRECT	The sentence uses conventional capitalization, comma placement, quotation marks, citation, and final punctuation.
8	The report notes, "Birds migrate south." (Young 20)	REVISE	The final period belongs after the parenthetical citation, not inside the 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:** The coach explains, "Practice builds confidence" (Walker 12).
- **REVISE:** The scientist states "The test needs more time" (Patel 6).

Challenge: In the article, "Saving water matters" (Reed 9).

For Part 2, students should identify a specific clue, such as a missing comma, incorrect capitalization, or the placement of the final period. Accept original Part 3 sentences when they match the selected category and include all requested parts.