

Quote Check

Sort evidence sentences by their mechanics.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECT EVIDENCE

These sentences correctly introduce and punctuate an exact quotation. The citation follows the quotation and comes before a final period, unless the quotation ends with a question mark or exclamation point.

A sailor cried, "Pull the anchor!" (Harper 46).

NEEDS REVISION

These sentences have one or more errors in capitalization, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, or parenthetical citations.

A sailor cried "pull the anchor!" (Harper 46).

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle CORRECT or REVISE, then choose two items and explain which mechanics clue led you to each choice.

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| 1. The historian writes, "The bridge opened in 1912" (Garcia 58). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 2. In her memoir, Reed explains, "I kept the map in my pocket" (12). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 3. The article states "recycling saves energy." (Patel 7). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 4. "The lantern flickered twice" (Davis 77). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 5. The scientist noted, "The sample cooled quickly." (Kim 19). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 6. According to Bell, "the audience stood quietly" (33). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 7. The poet asks, "Who will carry the lantern?" (Owens 5). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
| 8. "Fewer cars meant cleaner air" (Morris 31). | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="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 for CORRECT and one new evidence sentence for REVISE.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence so both quotations and citations use correct mechanics: Ortiz writes "we crossed at dawn." (9) and adds "the road was empty." (10).

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The historian writes, "The bridge opened in 1912" (Garcia 58).	CORRECT	The signal phrase has a comma, the quoted sentence is capitalized, and the period follows the citation.
2	In her memoir, Reed explains, "I kept the map in my pocket" (12).	CORRECT	The author is named in the signal phrase, so the page number citation is sufficient and correctly placed.
3	The article states "recycling saves energy." (Patel 7).	REVISE	It needs a comma before the quotation, capitalization at the start of the quoted sentence, and the period after the citation.
4	"The lantern flickered twice" (Davis 77).	CORRECT	The quotation is capitalized and the citation comes before the final period.
5	The scientist noted, "The sample cooled quickly." (Kim 19).	REVISE	The period should come after the parenthetical citation, not inside the quotation marks.
6	According to Bell, "the audience stood quietly" (33).	REVISE	A complete quoted sentence introduced after a comma should begin with a capital letter.
7	The poet asks, "Who will carry the lantern?" (Owens 5).	CORRECT	The question mark stays inside the quotation marks, and no additional period is needed after the citation.
8	"Fewer cars meant cleaner air" (Morris 31).	CORRECT	The quotation begins with a capital letter, and the citation and final period are correctly placed.

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 biologist observed, "Bees visit flowers for nectar" (Chen 26).
- **REVISE:** The biologist observed "bees visit flowers for nectar." (Chen 26).

Challenge: Ortiz writes, "We crossed at dawn" (9) and adds, "The road was empty" (10).

For Part 2, accept any accurate explanation that identifies a relevant mechanics clue. For REVISE items, students may correctly identify more than one error.