# Name or Kind?

Sort words by what they name.

**L.2.2.a** "Capitalize proper nouns, including but not limited to holidays, product names and geographic names."

NAME _____ DATE _____

| SPECIAL NAME | GENERAL WORD |
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| A proper noun names a special person, place, holiday, or product. It begins with a capital letter.<br>Maya | A common noun names a kind of person, place, or thing. It does not need a capital letter unless it starts a sentence.<br>child |

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle NAME or KIND for each item, then pick two items and explain how you knew where they belong.

1. Arizona — NAME KIND
2. Christmas — NAME KIND
3. state — NAME KIND
4. LEGO — NAME KIND
5. holiday — NAME KIND
6. toy — NAME KIND
7. Atlantic Ocean — NAME KIND
8. Thanksgiving — NAME KIND

## 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 special name and one new general word that are not on this page.

**NAME** _____

**KIND** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Write a sentence with a new special name and a general word, then underline the special name.

**ANSWER KEY**

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## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Arizona | **NAME** | Arizona names one state. |
| 2 | Christmas | **NAME** | Christmas names a specific holiday. |
| 3 | state | **KIND** | State names a kind of place, not a specific state. |
| 4 | LEGO | **NAME** | LEGO is a specific brand name. |
| 5 | holiday | **KIND** | Holiday names a kind of day, not a specific holiday. |
| 6 | toy | **KIND** | Toy names a kind of thing, not a specific product. |
| 7 | Atlantic Ocean | **NAME** | Atlantic Ocean names one ocean. |
| 8 | Thanksgiving | **NAME** | Thanksgiving names a specific holiday. |

## 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)

- **NAME**: Diwali
- **KIND**: river

**Challenge:** Sofia has a backpack.

For Part 2, a student might explain that Arizona is NAME because it names one state, while toy is KIND because it can mean many different toys.