Sentence Sorting Lab

Spot sentences that are ready and sentences that need an edit.

4.2.W.3 "Students will routinely and recursively edit drafts for punctuation, capitalization, and correctly-spelled grade-level words, using resources as needed."

NAME _____ DATE _____

READY

A READY sentence begins with a capital letter, ends with the right punctuation mark, and spells its words correctly.

Butterflies glide gracefully.

NEEDS AN EDIT

An EDIT sentence has a mistake in capitalization, ending punctuation, or spelling.

Squirrels clim trees.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle READY or EDIT for each numbered sentence, then choose two numbers and explain how you knew where they belonged.

1.	my cousin paints murals.	READY EDIT
2.	The lantern glows at night.	READY EDIT
3.	Our class visited the museum.	READY EDIT
4.	Riley packed a snak.	READY EDIT
5.	Did you find the map.	READY EDIT
6.	The rabbit hopped across the yard.	READY EDIT
7.	We watched a rainbow form	READY EDIT
8.	I wrote a letter to Grandma.	READY EDIT

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 READY sentence and one new EDIT sentence with exactly one mistake.

READY _____

EDIT _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence with its three edits: on Monday, I found a silvr coin

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.2.W.3

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	my cousin paints murals.	**EDIT**	The first word needs a capital M.
2	The lantern glows at night.	**READY**	The capitalization, spelling, and ending punctuation are correct.
3	Our class visited the museum.	**READY**	The capitalization, spelling, and ending punctuation are correct.
4	Riley packed a snak.	**EDIT**	The word snack is misspelled.
5	Did you find the map.	**EDIT**	The question needs a question mark instead of a period.
6	The rabbit hopped across the yard.	**READY**	The capitalization, spelling, and ending punctuation are correct.
7	We watched a rainbow form	**EDIT**	The sentence needs a period at the end.
8	I wrote a letter to Grandma.	**READY**	The capitalization, spelling, and ending punctuation are correct.

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)

- **READY**: The puppy curled beside my chair.
- **EDIT**: she placed the book on the shelf.

Challenge: On Monday, I found a silver coin.

For Part 2, students may choose any two items and identify the feature that makes each READY or EDIT. For example, item 1 needs a capital M, and item 5 needs a question mark.