Quotes at Work

What job do the quotation marks do?

6.5.W.9 "Students will use quotation marks to indicate dialogue, quoted material, and titles of works."

NAME _____ DATE _____

EXACT WORDS

Quotation marks show the exact words someone says or writes. Dialogue and words copied from a source belong here.

The coach whispered, "Check the scoreboard."

WORK TITLE

Quotation marks can show the title of a short work, such as a poem, song, short story, or article. These words name the work.

Our class discussed the song "Midnight Echo".

1 SORT

8 items

Circle WORDS or TITLES for each item, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

1.	The short story "The Glass Fox" has a surprise ending.	WORDS TITLES
2.	We practiced the song "Northbound Train" for music class.	WORDS TITLES
3.	Jada said, "Leave the lights on, please."	WORDS TITLES
4.	In his note, Ben wrote, "I will bring the map."	WORDS TITLES
5.	The poem "Rain on Tin" has four short lines.	WORDS TITLES
6.	Luis asked, "Where did you put my gloves?"	WORDS TITLES
7.	The sign reads, "Keep this door closed."	WORDS TITLES
8.	The email says, "The trip starts at noon."	WORDS TITLES

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 sentence with quotation marks around exact words and one with quotation marks around the title of a short work.

WORDS _____

TITLES _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses quotation marks for both a person's exact words and the title of a short work.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 6 · 6.5.W.9

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The short story "The Glass Fox" has a surprise ending.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose a short story title.
2	We practiced the song "Northbound Train" for music class.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose a song title.
3	Jada said, "Leave the lights on, please."	**WORDS**	The quotation marks enclose Jada's exact words.
4	In his note, Ben wrote, "I will bring the map."	**WORDS**	The quotation marks enclose the exact words Ben wrote.
5	The poem "Rain on Tin" has four short lines.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose a poem title.
6	Luis asked, "Where did you put my gloves?"	**WORDS**	The quotation marks enclose Luis's exact words.
7	The sign reads, "Keep this door closed."	**WORDS**	The quotation marks enclose the exact words on the sign.
8	The email says, "The trip starts at noon."	**WORDS**	The quotation marks enclose the exact words in the email.

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)

- **WORDS**: Nico said, "The path is icy."
- **TITLES**: We performed the song "Copper Skies" at the concert.

Challenge: Inez said, "Read this aloud," as she pointed to the poem "Autumn Rain" on the wall.

Items 1, 2, and 5 are titles. The other items show exact spoken or written words. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify what the quotation marks enclose, not just that quotation marks are present.