What Changed Here?

Mark and make clear edits to quoted words.

9.5.W.9 "Students will use an ellipsis to indicate omission from quoted material and brackets to indicate an addition or clarification to quoted material."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the ellipsis and circle the brackets in the edited quotation in paragraph 3. Then draw a line from each mark to the words in the original quotation that explain the edit.

A Seed Shelf in the Library

1. At the neighborhood library, a seed shelf turns a narrow corner into a place for gardeners to share. A notice on the shelf reads, "The seed shelf opens on Tuesday, sits beside the return desk, and holds packets from local gardeners." Another notice explains the labels: "Each packet lists its plant name and the month it was packed. It also gives a tip for planting." The notices are short, but every detail matters when a writer quotes them. A quotation can be shortened or clarified, but it should not make the library's message misleading.

2. A volunteer's note says, "Volunteers check dates each Friday, remove packets that are too old, and sort the remaining packets by plant type. They keep a record of what they remove." Another note reads, "We save extra packets for the spring plant swap, bring them to the school gym, and set them on a table near the entrance. Children can trade packets with an adult present." The library director adds, "The shelf is free to use, sits beside the return desk, and holds donated seeds. It does not require a library card, but borrowing books does."

3. For a newsletter about a different garden, a student starts with a line from its website: "The rooftop planters hold herbs, shelter seedlings, and attract butterflies on warm days. They need water each morning." The student writes, "The rooftop planters hold herbs … and attract butterflies on warm days. They [the rooftop planters] need water each morning." The ellipsis shows that "shelter seedlings" was left out. The bracketed words explain what "They" means; those words were added by the student, not taken from the website. Both marks help readers recognize an edit without mistaking it for the source's exact wording.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Quote the first notice in paragraph 1, but omit the detail about where the shelf sits. Show the omission with an ellipsis.

2. Quote the second sentence of the label notice in paragraph 1. Add a bracketed clarification after "It" to show what the word means.

3. Quote the volunteer's second sentence in paragraph 2. Add a bracketed clarification after "They" to identify the people meant.

4. Quote the first sentence of the second note in paragraph 2, but omit the detail about the school gym. Show the omission with an ellipsis.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a brief newsletter notice that quotes the library director's statement in paragraph 2. Use an ellipsis to omit the shelf's location and brackets to clarify what "It" means, while keeping the director's meaning.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the ellipsis and circle the brackets in the edited quotation in paragraph 3. Then draw a line from each mark to the words in the original quotation that explain the edit. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Quote the first notice in paragraph 1, but omit the detail about where the shelf sits. Show the omission with an ellipsis.	**"The seed shelf opens on Tuesday … and holds packets from local gardeners."**
2	Quote the second sentence of the label notice in paragraph 1. Add a bracketed clarification after "It" to show what the word means.	**"It [each packet] also gives a tip for planting."**
3	Quote the volunteer's second sentence in paragraph 2. Add a bracketed clarification after "They" to identify the people meant.	**"They [the volunteers] keep a record of what they remove."**
4	Quote the first sentence of the second note in paragraph 2, but omit the detail about the school gym. Show the omission with an ellipsis.	**"We save extra packets for the spring plant swap … and set them on a table near the entrance."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The library director says, "The shelf is free to use … and holds donated seeds. It [the shelf] does not require a library card, but borrowing books does." Visitors can pick up seeds without a card.

Accept bracketed clarifications that accurately identify the pronoun's referent. Ellipses should replace only the requested words, and the remaining quoted words should stay in their original order.