Who Said It?

Sort spoken words and character actions.

2.RC.5 "Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, and identify dialogue as words spoken by characters, usually enclosed in quotation marks."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPEECH

Speech is what a character says. The spoken words are usually inside quotation marks.

"Hooray, puppy found socks!" shouted June.

ACTION

An action tells what a character does. It does not give the character's spoken words.

Rabbits hopped beside fences.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle SPEECH or ACTION for each numbered item; for Part 2, pick one item of each kind and explain how you knew.

1. "Please pass the paint," said Ben. SPEECH ACTION

2. Mia shut her book. SPEECH ACTION

3. Leo climbed the steps. SPEECH ACTION

4. "I hear thunder!" called Ava. SPEECH ACTION

5. "That shell is smooth," said Kai. SPEECH ACTION

6. Zoe tied her shoes. SPEECH ACTION

7. "We can make soup," said Eli. SPEECH ACTION

8. "Watch this trick!" called Sam. SPEECH ACTION

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick one item of each kind and explain how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3, write one new SPEECH sentence and one new ACTION sentence.

SPEECH _____

ACTION _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same character: one ACTION sentence, then one SPEECH sentence that shows how the character feels about that action.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RC.5

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	“Please pass the paint,” said Ben.	**SPEECH**	Ben's spoken words are inside quotation marks.
2	Mia shut her book.	**ACTION**	The sentence tells what Mia did, with no spoken words.
3	Leo climbed the steps.	**ACTION**	The sentence tells what Leo did, with no spoken words.
4	“I hear thunder!” called Ava.	**SPEECH**	Ava's spoken words are inside quotation marks.
5	“That shell is smooth,” said Kai.	**SPEECH**	Kai's spoken words are inside quotation marks.
6	Zoe tied her shoes.	**ACTION**	The sentence tells what Zoe did, with no spoken words.
7	“We can make soup,” said Eli.	**SPEECH**	Eli's spoken words are inside quotation marks.
8	“Watch this trick!” called Sam.	**SPEECH**	Sam's spoken words are inside quotation marks.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick one item of each kind and explain how you knew.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SPEECH**: “I found a penny!” said Omar.
- **ACTION**: Rae opened the gate.

Challenge: Tess dropped her ice cream. “Oh no, I feel sad!” said Tess.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify quoted words as speech and an unquoted description of what a character did as action.