End Mark Sort

Sort sentences, explain two choices, and write your own.

2.W.8.b.I "Correctly using a period, question mark, or exclamation mark at the end of a sentence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CALM TELLING

A calm sentence tells something without strong feeling. End it with a period.

Birds build nests.

BIG FEELING

A big-feeling sentence shows joy, fear, or surprise. End it with an exclamation mark.

Ouch, I fell!

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle CALM or WOW to show which end mark it needs.

1. The bus stops here — CALM WOW
2. My shoes are blue — CALM WOW
3. Wow, this cake is enormous — CALM WOW
4. A frog can jump — CALM WOW
5. Yikes, a spider is on my arm — CALM WOW
6. Hooray, our team won — CALM WOW
7. The soup is warm — CALM WOW
8. My uncle has a bike — CALM WOW

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two numbered sentences and explain how you knew each end mark.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CALM sentence and one new WOW sentence.

CALM _____

WOW _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-sentence scene with one calm telling sentence, one big-feeling sentence, and one question. Use a period, an exclamation mark, and a question mark.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The bus stops here	**CALM**	It tells a fact without strong feeling, so it needs a period.
2	My shoes are blue	**CALM**	It calmly tells something, so it needs a period.
3	Wow, this cake is enormous	**WOW**	Wow shows surprise, so the sentence needs an exclamation mark.
4	A frog can jump	**CALM**	It calmly tells something, so it needs a period.
5	Yikes, a spider is on my arm	**WOW**	Yikes shows fear, so the sentence needs an exclamation mark.
6	Hooray, our team won	**WOW**	Hooray shows joy, so the sentence needs an exclamation mark.
7	The soup is warm	**CALM**	It calmly tells something, so it needs a period.
8	My uncle has a bike	**CALM**	It calmly tells something, so it needs a period.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick two numbered sentences and explain how you knew each end mark.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CALM**: The sun is up.
- **WOW**: Hooray, we found the puppy!

Challenge: The dog ran away. Oh no, he is gone! Where did he go?

For PROVE IT, accept explanations that connect a calm tone to a period or a strong feeling to an exclamation mark. The challenge should include one sentence ending in each of the three marks.