Speech Spotters

Sort sentences by their quotation marks.

3.W.8.b.II "Using quotation marks to mark direct speech."

NAME _____ DATE _____

QUOTES IN PLACE

Quotation marks go before and after the exact words someone says.

Tess whispered, "A frog hopped away."

QUOTES NEEDED

Someone's exact words are there, but quotation marks are missing. Those words need quotation marks around them.

Uncle Ray called, The moon looks bright.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MARKED or MISSING for each sentence, then choose one item from each category and explain how you knew in Part 2.

1.	Mia said, "The gate is open."	MARKED MISSING
2.	Omar said, My cup is full.	MARKED MISSING
3.	Ava said, The path is muddy.	MARKED MISSING
4.	Eli said, "I see a rainbow."	MARKED MISSING
5.	Zoe said, "This book is funny."	MARKED MISSING
6.	Kai said, "My shoe is untied."	MARKED MISSING
7.	Lena said, The train is late.	MARKED MISSING
8.	Noah said, I need a pencil.	MARKED MISSING

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew in Part 2.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with quotes in place and one new sentence with quotes missing.

MARKED

MISSING

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with the spoken words first and the speaker's name last, using quotation marks.

ANSWER KEY # Speech Spotters

GRADE 3 · 3.W.8.b.II

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Mia said, "The gate is open."	**MARKED**	Quotation marks surround Mia's exact words.
2	Omar said, My cup is full.	**MISSING**	Omar's exact words have no quotation marks.
3	Ava said, The path is muddy.	**MISSING**	Ava's exact words have no quotation marks.
4	Eli said, "I see a rainbow."	**MARKED**	Quotation marks surround Eli's exact words.
5	Zoe said, "This book is funny."	**MARKED**	Quotation marks surround Zoe's exact words.
6	Kai said, "My shoe is untied."	**MARKED**	Quotation marks surround Kai's exact words.
7	Lena said, The train is late.	**MISSING**	Lena's exact words have no quotation marks.
8	Noah said, I need a pencil.	**MISSING**	Noah's exact words have no quotation marks.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew in Part 2.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MARKED**: Iris said, "The puppy is asleep."
- **MISSING**: Pax said, My lunch is ready.

Challenge: "Watch the tiny crab," said Nia.

For Part 2, a student could explain that item 1 has quotation marks around Mia's exact words, while item 2 has no quotation marks around Omar's exact words. Accept other explanations that identify the same difference.