Sit or Set?

Choose the verb that fits each sentence.

5.W.6.a.II "Correctly using verbs that are often misused (e.g., lie/lay, sit/set, rise/raise)."

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SIT

Use sit when a person or animal takes a seat. No object is being put somewhere.

A duck can sit beside a pond.

SET

Use set when someone puts an object somewhere. Look for the thing being moved.

A chef can set a bowl near the sink.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SIT or SET for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how you knew which verb fits.

1. The campers will ____ around the fire. SIT SET
2. Please ____ the vase on the shelf. SIT SET
3. Can you ____ the game pieces on the board? SIT SET
4. I will ____ on the bench to tie my shoe. SIT SET
5. The puppy will ____ by the gate. SIT SET
6. We will ____ in the front row. SIT SET
7. I will ____ my backpack under the desk. SIT SET
8. The hikers will ____ on the rocks for a rest. SIT SET

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with sit and one new sentence with set. Use each verb correctly.

SIT _____

SET _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both sit and set correctly. Underline the thing being moved.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The campers will ___ around the fire.	**SIT**	The campers take seats; they do not move an object.
2	Please ___ the vase on the shelf.	**SET**	Someone puts the vase on the shelf.
3	Can you ___ the game pieces on the board?	**SET**	Someone puts the game pieces on the board.
4	I will ___ on the bench to tie my shoe.	**SIT**	The speaker takes a seat on the bench.
5	The puppy will ___ by the gate.	**SIT**	The puppy takes a seated position.
6	We will ___ in the front row.	**SIT**	The speakers take seats in the front row.
7	I will ___ my backpack under the desk.	**SET**	The speaker puts the backpack under the desk.
8	The hikers will ___ on the rocks for a rest.	**SIT**	The hikers take seats on the rocks.

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)

- **SIT**: The rabbit will sit in the shade.
- **SET**: Please set the cup on the tray.

Challenge: I will set the pillow on the sofa before I sit.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify who takes a seat for SIT or what object is put somewhere for SET. In the challenge, the underlined word should name the object moved.