Mark the Difference

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

5.W.7.b.I "Applying correct usage of apostrophes and quotation marks in writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

APOSTROPHE

An apostrophe shows missing letters in a contraction or shows who owns something.

The baker's apron slipped.

QUOTATION MARKS

Quotation marks go around a person's exact spoken words.

"Please close the gate," Nina whispered.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle APOSTROPHE or QUOTES to name the mark it uses.

1.	The fox's den flooded.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
2.	We can't leave yet.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
3.	"I found a shell," Maya announced.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
4.	Lena's scarf fell.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
5.	"Watch the clouds," Omar called.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
6.	"My kite is stuck!" Tia cried.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
7.	The team's bus arrived.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES
8.	They don't need help.	APOSTROPHE QUOTES

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

choose two sort items and explain how you knew where each belongs.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

write one new sentence with an apostrophe and one new sentence with quotation marks.

APOSTROPHE

QUOTES

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence of dialogue that uses an apostrophe inside the quotation marks.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.W.7.b.I

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The fox's den flooded.	**APOSTROPHE**	The apostrophe shows that the den belongs to the fox.
2	We can't leave yet.	**APOSTROPHE**	The apostrophe replaces the missing letters in cannot.
3	"I found a shell," Maya announced.	**QUOTES**	Quotation marks surround Maya's exact words.
4	Lena's scarf fell.	**APOSTROPHE**	The apostrophe shows that the scarf belongs to Lena.
5	"Watch the clouds," Omar called.	**QUOTES**	Quotation marks surround Omar's exact words.
6	"My kite is stuck!" Tia cried.	**QUOTES**	Quotation marks surround Tia's exact words.
7	The team's bus arrived.	**APOSTROPHE**	The apostrophe shows that the bus belongs to the team.
8	They don't need help.	**APOSTROPHE**	The apostrophe replaces the missing letter in do not.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: choose two sort items and explain how you knew where each belongs.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **APOSTROPHE**: The dog's collar jingled.
- **QUOTES**: "This path leads home," Ezra said.

Challenge: "I can't find my notebook," Ravi said.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 use apostrophes. Items 3, 5, and 6 use quotation marks. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify ownership, a contraction, or exact spoken words.