What Do Quotes Show?

Sort spoken words and work titles.

4.5.W.9 "Students will use quotation marks to indicate dialogue, quoted material, and titles of works."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPOKEN WORDS

Quotation marks can show the exact words a person says. Look for a clue about who is speaking.

Mira whispered, "The lantern glows."

WORK TITLES

Quotation marks can show the title of a poem or short story. The words inside the marks name the work.

A poem called "Cloud Parade" filled the page.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle SPEECH or TITLES for each item; for Part 2, choose one item from each category and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1. "Please shut the gate," Leo said. SPEECH TITLES

2. Aunt Rosa asked, "Is my kite ready?" SPEECH TITLES

3. The poem "Pebble Path" has four lines. SPEECH TITLES

4. "My boots are wet," Nora said. SPEECH TITLES

5. I found the short story "The Brave Acorn." SPEECH TITLES

6. We discussed the poem "Rainy Morning." SPEECH TITLES

7. "Watch this trick!" called Sam. SPEECH TITLES

8. "I can carry that," said Ava. SPEECH TITLES

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew where each belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one sentence with a person speaking and one sentence that names a poem or short story. Use quotation marks in both sentences.

SPEECH _____

TITLES _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with spoken words and the title of a poem or short story outside the spoken words. Use quotation marks for both.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.5.W.9

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	"Please shut the gate," Leo said.	**SPEECH**	Leo says the words inside the quotation marks.
2	Aunt Rosa asked, "Is my kite ready?"	**SPEECH**	The quotation marks show Aunt Rosa's question.
3	The poem "Pebble Path" has four lines.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks surround a poem title.
4	"My boots are wet," Nora said.	**SPEECH**	Nora says the words inside the quotation marks.
5	I found the short story "The Brave Acorn."	**TITLES**	The quotation marks surround a short story title.
6	We discussed the poem "Rainy Morning."	**TITLES**	The quotation marks surround a poem title.
7	"Watch this trick!" called Sam.	**SPEECH**	Sam calls out the words inside the quotation marks.
8	"I can carry that," said Ava.	**SPEECH**	Ava says the words inside the quotation marks.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

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

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SPEECH**: Zoe said, "The puppy is asleep."
- **TITLES**: We read the poem "Golden Leaves."

Challenge: "Let's read it," said Eli, pointing to the poem "Little River."

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify who spoke in a SPEECH item and name the poem or short story in a TITLES item.