Quote Clue Sort

What are the quotation marks showing?

5.5.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 someone says. Look for a speaker who says, asks, calls, or whispers the words.

Nico whispered, "A fox crossed our path."

SHORT-WORK TITLES

Quotation marks can show the name of a short work, such as a poem, song, or short story. The words inside the marks name the work.

We sang "Moonlight Melody" at the concert.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SPEECH or TITLES for each sentence, then choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

1. The poem "Bicycle Bell" has four lines. SPEECH TITLES

2. We listened to the song "Silver River." SPEECH TITLES

3. Omar asked, "Where is my notebook?" SPEECH TITLES

4. "The gate is open," said Priya. SPEECH TITLES

5. I liked the short story "The Hidden Seed." SPEECH TITLES

6. The song "Clap Twice" has a fast beat. SPEECH TITLES

7. The poem "Paper Planes" rhymes. SPEECH TITLES

8. "Wait for us!" called Ben. SPEECH TITLES

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with quotation marks around spoken words and one new sentence with quotation marks around the title of a poem, song, or short story.

SPEECH _____

TITLES _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence scene: use dialogue in the first sentence and a song title in quotation marks in the second.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.5.W.9

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The poem “Bicycle Bell” has four lines.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose the name of a poem.
2	We listened to the song “Silver River.”	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose the name of a song.
3	Omar asked, “Where is my notebook?”	**SPEECH**	The quotation marks enclose Omar's exact words.
4	“The gate is open,” said Priya.	**SPEECH**	The quotation marks enclose Priya's exact words.
5	I liked the short story “The Hidden Seed.”	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose the name of a short story.
6	The song “Clap Twice” has a fast beat.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose the name of a song.
7	The poem “Paper Planes” rhymes.	**TITLES**	The quotation marks enclose the name of a poem.
8	“Wait for us!” called Ben.	**SPEECH**	The quotation marks enclose Ben's exact words.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

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

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SPEECH**: Tariq called, “The kite is stuck!”
- **TITLES**: Our class read the poem “Stone Soup Surprise.”

Challenge: Leah shouted, “The show begins now!” We played the song “Golden Sunrise” next.

Part 2 responses should identify a speaker's exact words for SPEECH and the name of a short work for TITLES. For example, item 3 gives Omar's exact words, while item 1 names a poem.