Quote Check

Sort evidence sentences by their mechanics.

9.L.GC.1.54 "Mechanics: Use conventional capitalization, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, and parentheses (citations) when incorporating textual evidence. (Master)"

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CORRECT EVIDENCE

These MLA-style evidence sentences correctly introduce and punctuate an exact quotation. A quoted question mark or exclamation point stays inside quotation marks. If the enclosing sentence is a statement, put its final period after the citation, even when the quotation ends with ? or !. If the whole enclosing sentence is a question, put its question mark after the citation.

A sailor cried, "Pull the anchor!" (Harper 46).

NEEDS REVISION

These sentences have one or more errors in capitalization, quotation marks, commas, end punctuation, or parenthetical citations.

A sailor cried "pull the anchor!" (Harper 46).

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle CORRECT or REVISE, then choose two items and explain which mechanics clue led you to each choice.

1.	The historian writes, "The bridge opened in 1912" (Garcia 58).	CORRECT	REVISE
2.	In her memoir, Reed explains, "I kept the map in my pocket" (12).	CORRECT	REVISE
3.	The article states "recycling saves energy." (Patel 7).	CORRECT	REVISE
4.	"The lantern flickered twice" (Davis 77).	CORRECT	REVISE
5.	The scientist noted, "The sample cooled quickly." (Kim 19).	CORRECT	REVISE
6.	According to Bell, "the audience stood quietly" (33).	CORRECT	REVISE
7.	The poet asks, "Who will carry the lantern?" (Owens 5).	CORRECT	REVISE
8.	"Fewer cars meant cleaner air" (Morris 31).	CORRECT	REVISE

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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new evidence sentence for CORRECT and one new evidence sentence for REVISE.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence so both quotations and citations use correct mechanics: Ortiz writes "we crossed at dawn." (9) and adds "the road was empty." (10).

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The historian writes, "The bridge opened in 1912" (Garcia 58).	**CORRECT**	The signal phrase has a comma, the quoted sentence is capitalized, and the period follows the citation.
2	In her memoir, Reed explains, "I kept the map in my pocket" (12).	**CORRECT**	The author is named in the signal phrase, so the page number citation is sufficient and correctly placed.
3	The article states "recycling saves energy." (Patel 7).	**REVISE**	It needs a comma before the quotation, capitalization at the start of the quoted sentence, and the period after the citation.
4	"The lantern flickered twice" (Davis 77).	**CORRECT**	The quotation is capitalized and the citation comes before the final period.
5	The scientist noted, "The sample cooled quickly." (Kim 19).	**REVISE**	The period should come after the parenthetical citation, not inside the quotation marks.
6	According to Bell, "the audience stood quietly" (33).	**REVISE**	A complete quoted sentence introduced after a comma should begin with a capital letter.
7	The poet asks, "Who will carry the lantern?" (Owens 5).	**CORRECT**	The quoted question mark stays inside quotation marks. The enclosing statement, The poet asks, ends with its own period after the citation. Both marks are needed here.
8	"Fewer cars meant cleaner air" (Morris 31).	**CORRECT**	The quotation begins with a capital letter, and the citation and final period are correctly placed.

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)

- **CORRECT**: The biologist observed, "Bees visit flowers for nectar" (Chen 26).
- **REVISE**: The biologist observed "bees visit flowers for nectar." (Chen 26).

Challenge: Ortiz writes, "We crossed at dawn" (9) and adds, "The road was empty" (10).

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept any accurate explanation that identifies a relevant mechanics clue. For REVISE items, students may correctly identify more than one error. For item 7, distinguish the question inside the quotation from the surrounding declarative sentence: retain the quoted question mark and the period after (Owens 5). The sailor exclamation example similarly retains a final period after (Harper 46). Do not apply a blanket no-period exception to either example.