Name or Kind?

Sort words by what they name.

2.L.2.b "Capitalize proper nouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPECIAL NAME

A special name tells which exact person or place you mean. Start it with a capital letter.

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KIND WORD

A kind word tells what sort of person, place, or thing you mean. It does not need a capital letter unless it starts a sentence.

a teacher

1 SORT

8 items

Circle NAME or KIND for each item, then choose two numbered items and write how you knew where each belongs.

1. Rosa — NAME KIND

2. a river — NAME KIND

3. a school — NAME KIND

4. Texas — NAME KIND

5. Eli — NAME KIND

6. a cat — NAME KIND

7. Boston — NAME KIND

8. Ohio — NAME KIND

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 special name and one new kind word.

NAME _____

KIND _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a special name and a kind word, and capitalize the special name.

ANSWER KEY

Name or Kind?

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Rosa	**NAME**	Rosa is the name of a person.
2	a river	**KIND**	River names a kind of place, not one river's special name.
3	a school	**KIND**	School names a kind of place, not one school's special name.
4	Texas	**NAME**	Texas is the name of a state.
5	Eli	**NAME**	Eli is the name of a person.
6	a cat	**KIND**	Cat names a kind of animal, not one animal's special name.
7	Boston	**NAME**	Boston is the name of a city.
8	Ohio	**NAME**	Ohio is the name of a state.

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)

- **NAME**: Sam
- **KIND**: a bus

Challenge: Nina has a dog.

For Part 2, students might explain that Rosa names one person and a river could mean any river. Accept other correct explanations that identify a special name or a kind word.