Connect Then Finish

Sort cursive words by their finishing marks.

2.2.E "develop handwriting by accurately forming all cursive letters using appropriate strokes when connecting letters."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NEEDS FINISH MARKS

This word has a lowercase i, j, or t. Connect the word first, then add its dot or cross.

rain

NO FINISH MARKS

This word has no lowercase i, j, or t. You do not need a dot or cross after connecting it.

moon

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the correct tag for each word, then, for Part 2, choose two words and explain which letter needs a finishing mark or why no letter does.

1. cat — MARKS / NO MARKS

2. sun — MARKS / NO MARKS

3. jump — MARKS / NO MARKS

4. kite — MARKS / NO MARKS

5. dog — MARKS / NO MARKS

6. pig — MARKS / NO MARKS

7. row — MARKS / NO MARKS

8. tent — MARKS / NO MARKS

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 word that needs finish marks and one new word with no finish marks.

MARKS _____

NO MARKS _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-word phrase with at least one i, j, or t. Connect every letter in each word first, then add all dots and crosses.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	cat	**MARKS**	The lowercase t needs a cross after the word is connected.
2	sun	**NO MARKS**	The word has no lowercase i, j, or t.
3	jump	**MARKS**	The lowercase j needs a dot after the word is connected.
4	kite	**MARKS**	The lowercase i needs a dot, and the lowercase t needs a cross.
5	dog	**NO MARKS**	The word has no lowercase i, j, or t.
6	pig	**MARKS**	The lowercase i needs a dot after the word is connected.
7	row	**NO MARKS**	The word has no lowercase i, j, or t.
8	tent	**MARKS**	The lowercase t letters need crosses after the word is connected.

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)

- **MARKS**: jam
- **NO MARKS**: cup

Challenge: Mia rides trains.

For Part 2, students should explain that lowercase i and j need dots, lowercase t needs a cross, or that a word has none of these letters. Accept other correctly sorted student-created words.