

Space Spotters

Look closely at the spaces between words.

3.2.D "write complete words, thoughts, and answers legibly in cursive leaving appropriate spaces between words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

WORDS HAVE SPACES

Each word is separate. You can see a space between one word and the next word.

Quiet turtles crawl.

WORDS RUN TOGETHER

Two or more words touch with no space between them. The words are hard to read.

Quietturtlescrawl.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle SPACED or JOINED for each item; for Part 2, choose two items and tell how you knew.

1. Birds build nests.

SPACED

JOINED

2. Weseeredducks.

SPACED

JOINED

3. Themooncanglow.

SPACED

JOINED

4. I can skip.

SPACED

JOINED

5. My aunt waves.

SPACED

JOINED

6. Wepacklunches.

SPACED

JOINED

7. Cats nap here.

SPACED

JOINED

8. Rain falls softly.

SPACED

JOINED

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

For Part 3, write one new complete thought for SPACED and one new complete thought for JOINED.

SPACED _____

JOINED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence note in cursive with clear spaces between every word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Birds build nests.	SPACED	A space separates each word.
2	Weseeredducks.	JOINED	The words have no spaces between them.
3	Themooncanglow.	JOINED	The words run together without spaces.
4	I can skip.	SPACED	Each word is separated by a space.
5	My aunt waves.	SPACED	A space appears between each pair of words.
6	Wepacklunches.	JOINED	The words touch with no spaces.
7	Cats nap here.	SPACED	Each word has a space before or after it, except at the ends of the sentence.
8	Rain falls softly.	SPACED	Spaces separate the three words.

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)

- **SPACED:** A bee buzzes.
- **JOINED:** Abeebuzzes.

Challenge: Please feed the fish. I will clean the tank.

Part 2 answers vary. Accept explanations that point out spaces between words or explain that words touch with no spaces.