Voice Volume Sort

Sort verbs by how quiet or loud they sound.

2.RV.1.F "Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs and adjectives."

NAME _____ DATE _____

QUIET VOICE VERBS

These verbs tell about making a soft, quiet sound. You may need to listen closely.

The kitten purred.

LOUD VOICE VERBS

These verbs tell about making a strong, loud sound. People far away may hear it.

The drum banged.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle QUIET or LOUD for each verb, then choose two verbs and tell how each verb helped you know its group.

1. whisper — QUIET LOUD
2. yell — QUIET LOUD
3. scream — QUIET LOUD
4. mumble — QUIET LOUD
5. murmur — QUIET LOUD
6. mutter — QUIET LOUD
7. shout — QUIET LOUD
8. roar — QUIET LOUD

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 quiet voice verb and one new loud voice verb.

QUIET _____

LOUD _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same person. Use a quiet voice verb in one sentence and a loud voice verb in the other.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	whisper	**QUIET**	Whisper means to speak very softly.
2	yell	**LOUD**	Yell means to speak loudly.
3	scream	**LOUD**	Scream means to make a very loud sound.
4	mumble	**QUIET**	Mumble usually means to speak in a low, unclear voice.
5	murmur	**QUIET**	Murmur means to speak softly.
6	mutter	**QUIET**	Mutter means to speak in a low voice.
7	shout	**LOUD**	Shout means to speak loudly.
8	roar	**LOUD**	Roar means to make a very loud sound.

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)

- **QUIET**: murmur
- **LOUD**: holler

Challenge: Mia murmured, "I am tired." Mia hollered, "I found my hat!"

Accept other verbs when the student correctly shows a softer or louder shade of meaning. For Part 2, look for an explanation that connects the verb to a quiet or loud voice.