

Capitalize the first word in a sentence.

Too much junk food gave me a stomachache.

If you write someone's exact words, capitalize the first word in the quotation.

Maria said, "Drink some water, and take a rest."

If there is a break in the sentence in a quotation, do not capitalize the word that starts the next part of the quotation.

"Yes, get some sleep," said Mrs. Gomez, "and you will feel better in no time."

Read the sentences. Circle *yes* if the underlined word needs to be capitalized and *no* if it doesn't need to be capitalized.

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| 1. <u>the</u> sleepover was planned for Friday night. | yes | no |
| 2. "Let me know if you're going," said Bella, " <u>because</u> I'm not sure." | yes | no |
| 3. "I'm always tired afterwards," said Bella, " <u>so</u> I have to think about it." | yes | no |
| 4. " <u>so</u> am I, but we can always catch up on sleep on Saturday night," I said. | yes | no |

Read the story. Circle the words that need to be capitalized.

my mother is a doctor. she works hard to help people stay healthy. one day, she had to take time off. we went to traffic court to challenge a parking ticket. "Dr. Franklin," the judge said, "what is your problem with this ticket?"

"well, Judge Morita," she answered, "I think that Officer Iyo made a mistake when he wrote the ticket."

"but it says you parked by a fire hydrant."

"yes, Judge," my mom said, "but there is no fire hydrant at the corner of Smith and Elm Streets."

the judge cried, "you're right, doctor! I'm parked there right now. Case dismissed!"

Capitalize the names of the days of the week.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Capitalize the names of the months of the year.

January, February, March

Do not capitalize the names of the four seasons of the year.

spring, summer, fall or autumn, winter

Circle the words that should be capitalized in the schedule.

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Sunday	monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	thursday	Friday	saturday
3 Buy Dad a new tie for his birthday in october.	4 Go to Ann's party.	5 School starts. Clear out locker from last june.	6 Start project on the climate in autumn.	7 Pick up winter coats from cleaners.	8 1 Help Mom store summer clothes.	9 2 Call Tanitia to arrange sunday shopping date.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Answer the following questions. Remember to capitalize the names of the days and months.

1. When is your birthday? _____
2. What is your favorite day of the week? _____
3. What is your favorite month of the year? _____
4. What is your favorite season? _____

Capitalize the names of holidays.

Veterans Day

Fourth of July

Christmas

Hanukkah

Labor Day

Memorial Day

New Year's Eve

Kwanzaa

Proofread the following paragraph. Write three lines under the first letter of any word that needs to be capitalized.

December is the most hectic month of the year. It seems as if we've just recovered from thanksgiving when the holiday season is upon us. Some people travel to see family members on christmas. The holiday hanukkah also takes place in December and lasts for eight days. Many people celebrate the seven days of kwanzaa starting on December 26. I love the holiday season. Sometimes in the middle of December, though, I wish it were a slow month like May. Then, only memorial day interrupts our busy schedules.

Write a sentence about each holiday. Use the correct capitalization.

1. (valentine's day) _____

2. (fourth of july) _____

3. (halloween) _____

4. (father's day) _____

(memorial day) _____

Review 1

Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Which sentence has the correct capitalization?
 - Ⓐ this saturday is the first day of winter.
 - Ⓑ This Saturday is the first day of winter.
 - Ⓒ This Saturday is the first day of Winter.
 - Ⓓ this Saturday is the first day of winter.
2. Which sentence has the correct capitalization?
 - Ⓐ “the sky is cloudy,” Jason said, “so it’s probably going to rain.”
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3. Which sentence has the correct capitalization?
 - Ⓐ “Although we started out to the fair,” said Lita, “We never got there.”
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4. Which sentence has the correct capitalization?
 - Ⓐ On monday, we celebrate labor day.
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 - Ⓓ On Monday, we celebrate Labor Day.
5. Which sentence has the correct capitalization?
 - Ⓐ February 14 is Valentine’s Day.
 - Ⓑ February 14 is Valentine’s day.
 - Ⓒ february 14 is Valentine’s Day.
 - Ⓓ February 14 is valentine’s day.

Name _____

Capitalization

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The names of people and pets should be capitalized.

Ishana Fluffy

The title before a person's name should also be capitalized.

Professor Mehta

Names of specific places should be capitalized.

Santa Fe, New Mexico Mesa Verde National Park Snake River

Circle the word or words that should begin with a capital letter.

city

texas

mike

ben

river

state

girl

dr. cata

america

rhode island

stream

dog

country

lake michigan

ocean

new orleans

county

atlanta

oak drive

calvert city

colorado river

Name _____

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The names of buildings, bridges, monuments, and schools should also be capitalized.

White House Triborough Bridge Gateway Arch Texas A&M University

Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. There's more to see in San Francisco than just the golden gate bridge.

2. The transamerica pyramid is a world-famous skyscraper.

3. The exploratorium is a museum that makes science fun.

4. There is a great view from the top of coit tower, a memorial to firefighters.

5. Schools like san francisco state university make the area a great place to learn.

Capitalize the titles of books, songs, and poems. Unless they are the first or last words in the title, do not capitalize prepositions, such as *for* or *in*; articles, such as *a* or *the*; or coordinating conjunctions, such as *and*.

Julie of the Wolves “Star Spangled Banner” “Old Ironsides”

Follow the same rules for capitalizing the titles of short stories, magazines, and newspapers.

“The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar” “Ode to a Tomato”
National Geographic Kids Dallas Morning News

Rewrite the titles using the correct capitalization.

1. “the walrus and the carpenter”

2. miami herald

3. “how the camel got his hump”

4. my life with the chimpanzees

5. discovery girls magazine

a wrinkle in time

Review 2

Fill in the bubble next to the word or words that should begin with capital letters.

1. (A) girl
 (B) mary
 (C) daughter
 (D) sister
2. (A) stadium
 (B) arena
 (C) shea stadium
 (D) gym
3. (A) garfield
 (B) cat
 (C) kitten
 (D) pet
4. (A) math teacher
 (B) soccer coach
 (C) school nurse
 (D) principal davis
5. (A) monument
 (B) washington monument
 (C) building
 (D) place
6. (A) war
 (B) struggle
 (C) french-indian war
 (D) fight
7. (A) fortson company
 (B) business
 (C) corporation
 (D) company
8. (A) *james and the giant peach*
 (B) book
 (C) library
 (D) volume
9. (A) song
 (B) "row, row, row your boat"
 (C) music
 (D) melody
10. (A) story
 (B) writing
 (C) literature
 (D) "the three little bears"