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When writing someone's exact words, capitalize the first word in the quotation.

"The king was just and wise," the storyteller said. "He lived a long and happy life."

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 below. Write each word that needs to be capitalized.

1. the teacher gave an unusually hard assignment. _____

2. she said, "please do your best." _____

3. once Becca got started, she had no problem. _____

4. "you know," Oscar said, "this is just too hard." _____

5. "don't worry," said Becca. "you'll get it." _____

6. "what if I come over to help?" said Becca. _____

7. "that would be great," said Oscar. "I could use the help." _____

Write a dialogue between two characters. Be sure to capitalize the words at the beginning of a sentence.

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Capitalize the days of the week and the months of the year.

On **M**onday, there was a full moon.

During **D**ecember, we have a snow festival.

Read the letter below. Draw three lines under the first letter of each word that needs to be capitalized.

september 1, 2007

Dear Margo,

So much has changed since I moved to Austin in may. I spent the first monday I was here in the district office, trying to figure out which school I should attend. By tuesday, I was sitting in Fifth Street Elementary School.

By june, I'd made a few friends, but no one like you. One saturday, a few of us had a great hiking adventure. We got so lost, I wasn't sure we'd be home by sunday.

July and august were okay, but mainly I traveled with my parents. I missed our friday movie nights.

Now that it's september again, I'll have to get back to school. We start on the tuesday after Labor Day. How about you? Write back soon!

Love,

Rachel

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Capitalize the names of holidays.

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| Independence Day | Presidents' Day | Hanukkah |
| Kwanzaa | Christmas Day | Memorial Day |
| Labor Day | New Year's Day | Juneteenth |

Read the paragraph carefully. Draw three lines under the first letter of a word that needs to be capitalized.

Many important things have happened in U.S. history on holidays. Take independence day, for example. On July 4, 1776, we know that the Declaration of Independence was signed. On July 4, 1827, slavery was outlawed in New York State. Other historic events have also happened on holidays. On new year's day in 1808, the Congress of the United States banned the practice of importing people to be sold as slaves. Enslaved people in Texas found out that they had been freed on June 19, 1864, and this day has since been celebrated as juneteenth. On christmas day 1868, President Andrew Johnson pardoned all Southerners who took part in the Civil War. The memorial day holiday was first celebrated after the Civil War to honor the fallen soldiers.

Write the names of the holidays. Use the correct capitalization.

1. thanksgiving day _____
2. new year's eve _____
3. st. patrick's day _____
4. arbor day _____
5. talk like a pirate day _____

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Proper nouns begin with capital letters.

- Names of people and pets are proper nouns and should be capitalized.

Opal Rex

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

Doctor Galindez Uncle William

- Names of specific places are also proper nouns and should be capitalized.

Kansas City Niagara Falls Rensselaer New York

For each sentence, choose the word or words that should be capitalized.
Rewrite it correctly.

1. David, there is josephine.

2. Did you tell aunt jean that she was here?

3. No, she's busy walking her dog, inky.

4. Josephine brought her friend, carmen.

5. Carmen brought missy, her dog.

6. I hope that she will get along with our bird, tiny.

7. Did you know that Carmen's aunt is doctor Olivares?

8. I'd like to ask her about grandpa's illness.

9. Maybe if he moved to arizona, he would feel better.

10. I don't think moving to phoenix would help him.

A proper noun begins with a capital letter.

- The names of businesses, organizations, historic events, and movements are all proper nouns. Do not capitalize minor words in the name, such as *the* and *of*.

Ridley Company
Revolutionary War

Big Brothers and Big Sisters
Civil Rights Movement

- The names of buildings, monuments, and schools are also proper nouns and should be capitalized.

Chrysler Building

Soldier's Memorial

Emily Dickinson School

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

I'm studying the civil war in school this year. Last year, my family and I visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We stayed near gettysburg college. My father was excited to find a store called civil war memories there. Dad is a member of the wallingford historical society, and he enjoys looking at books and photographs from other eras. He bought a copy of a book by Frederick Douglass, a driving force in the abolitionist movement. We walked all over the battlefields of Gettysburg, where we saw the pennsylvania memorial, the gettysburg hospital, and many other sites dedicated to the memory of those who fought there. We took a tour with a park ranger in which we walked in formation like the soldiers along the path known as railroad cut. One interesting place we visited was the jennie wade house. jennie wade was the only civilian killed during the battle of gettysburg. She was killed while baking bread for the union soldiers.

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Capitalize the first and last words and any other important words in the titles of books, songs, and poems.

- Unless they are the first or last words, do not capitalize prepositions, such as *for* or *in*; articles, such as *a* or *the*; or coordinating conjunctions, such as *and* or *but*.

Ben and Me “On the Good Ship Lollipop” “The Bells”

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

“The Dream” Time for Kids Chicago Tribune

Write the titles. Use the correct capitalization.

1. the wind in the willows

2. “zlateh the goat”

3. “you’re a grand old flag”

4. island of the blue dolphins

5. national geographic

6. a child’s christmas in wales
