

Capital Letters #2

Name _____

Words that are Sometimes Capitalized

1. Titles of books, stories, poems, plays, movies, songs, video games, etc.

Rule - Capitalize:

A. the first and last word of the title

B. all other important words (leave small, unimportant words lower case)

Example: *Back to the Future*

Edit and recopy these titles:

the day the earth stood still _____

diary of a wimpy kid _____

2. Family Titles (mom, dad, etc.) or Business Titles (president, senator, doctor, etc.)

Rule: Capitalize when it's used with a name.

Example: Is Uncle Steve coming with us? (The title uncle is used with a name)

Senator Jenkins is visiting our school next week.

My uncle is coming with us. (not used with a name)

The senator gave his opinion. (not used with a name)

Rule: Capitalize when it's used as a name.

Example: Please tell Mom to come to the phone. (Mom is used as a name.)

My mom always answers the phone. (not used as a name)

What time is Grandma coming over? (Grandma is used as a name)

I have to be at my grandma's house by 4:30. (not used as a name)

Dad usually gives me a weekly allowance. (Dad is used as a name)

My dad gets home from work at 5:00. (not used as a name)

Edit these sentences for capitalization.

1. what time will aunt mary pick us up?

4. Does dad know about the flat tire?

2. I think mother has an appointment today.

5. Will judge stevens meet with dad?

3. Tell coach hall that my Mom will call him.

6. The President gave a long speech.

3. School Subjects

Rule #1: Capitalize if the subject is a language. (English, French, German, etc.)

Rule #2: Capitalize if the subject is the name of a specific course.

Example: Algebra I, Introduction to Computers, Physics II

Edit these sentences for capitalization.

1. my spanish quiz is tomorrow.
2. he signed up for biology II.
3. I have science and Math this afternoon.
4. have you taken history of modern europe yet?

4. Directions (north, south, east, west)

Rule: Capitalize these words only if you are referring to sections of the country.

Example: I've lived in the **South** for many years.

The **North** is known for its harsh winters.

Edit these sentences for capitalization.

1. there are more mountains in the west than in the east.
2. the new mall is located east of main street.
3. Drive north on buffalo road.
4. we're vacationing in the southwest.

5. Brand Names

Rule: Capitalize the brand name only, NOT THE PRODUCT.

Example: **Levi** jeans, a **Chevy** pickup, **Campbell's** soup

Edit and recopy the phrases.

nike shoes _____ oreo cookies _____

wonder bread _____ toyota minivan _____