

CAPITALIZATION REFERENCE



Capitalization Rule	Example(s)
The first letter in a sentence and the pronoun I	The teacher looked at me, and I answered the question.
Names of people and titles used before a name.	Mr. Jones / Aunt Sarah / President Obama
Days, months, holidays, special occasions	Wednesday / December / Christmas
Names of specific places (mountains, bodies of water, schools, monuments, planets, bridges etc)	Oxford University / Mount Everest / the Dead Sea / Mars / Main Street / Brooklyn Bridge
Historical Eras	Victorian Era / Renaissance / Middle Ages
Political divisions (regions, countries, cities, continents etc)	America / Asia / Chicago / Illinois / down South
Titles of written or performed pieces (books, songs, plays)	Romeo and Juliet / What a Wonderful World / The Times
Names of brands, companies or organizations	Pepsi / Apple computers / Starbucks coffee
Races, Nationalities, Languages, Religion (figures/books)	Thai / Algerian / Buddhism / Buddha / French/ Bible
Specific course names (not general subjects)	I must take history and World Geography 101
First word in a sentence that is a direct quotation	The student asked, "When is the project due?"
First word of a salutation or closing in a letter	My friend, / Dearest love, / Yours truly, / With love,

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CAPITALIZATION PRACTICE



The following sentences contain errors in capitalization. Correct the errors by underlining the words that should be capitalized, and circling the words that should not be capitalized.

1. Yesterday, governor Smith journeyed to the Western part of cincinnati to attend a conference on elizabethan poetry.
2. The students in the introduction to business course at the university of chicago last spring chose to use new dell Computers because the ones in the Lab were ancient.
3. My oldest uncle, my Father's brother, wrote a Religious book about hinduism called hindu deities.
4. America celebrates the war of independence on the fourth of July.
5. I remember reading to Kill A Mockingbird in ms. jones' High School english class.
6. While i love the french impressionists, most of the Nineteenth-Century british painters bore me.

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