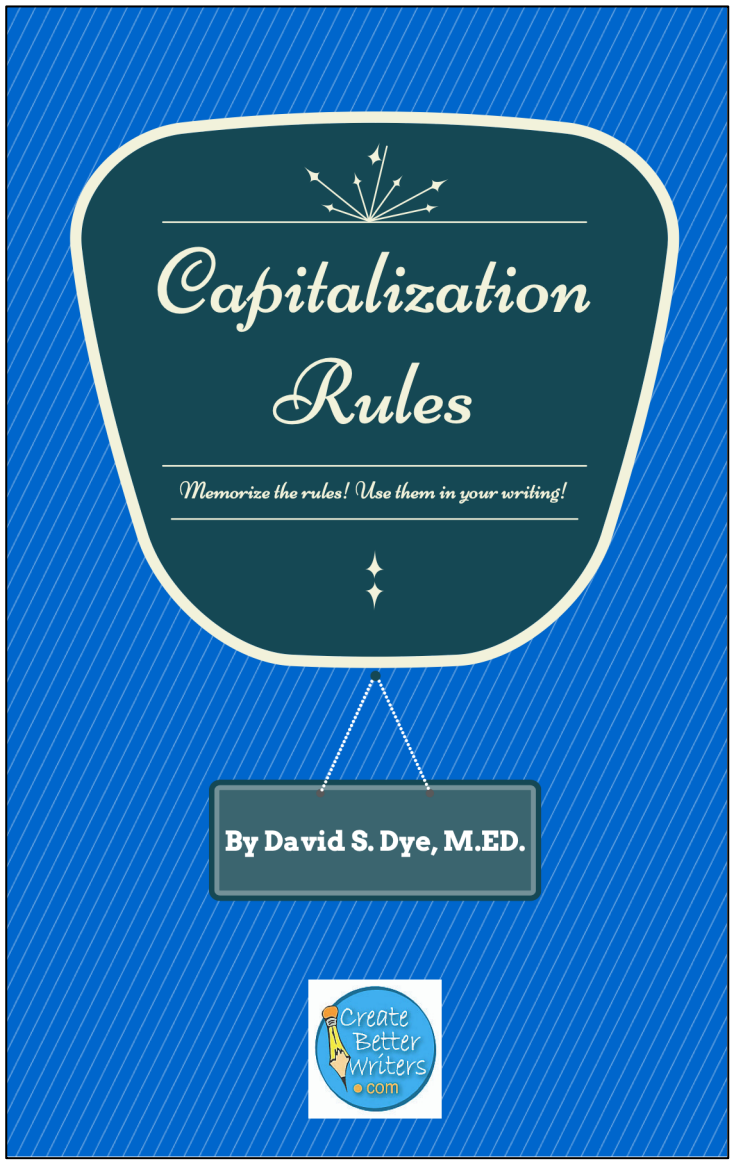


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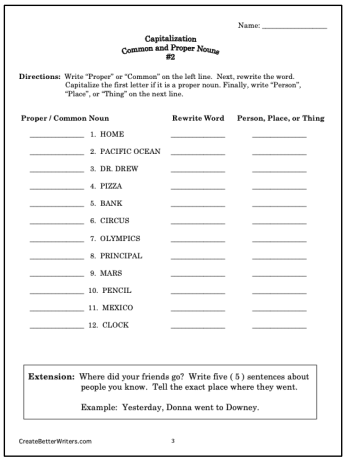
Objective: The objective of these worksheets is to help students learn the capitalization rules so well that they retain them and are using the rules within the context of actual writing situations.

Introduction:

Thank you for purchasing this eBook. These worksheets come from *Standards Based Grammar: Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6* and are organized in a way to maximize learning. Here are the main features of this book:

Unit 1 – Basic Capitalization

This first section is a basic introduction to capitalization. It is meant for younger students who are just learning the concept. From kindergarten, students are learning to capitalize the first word of a sentence. These worksheets move beyond that and focus on the differences between common and proper nouns.



Name: _____

Capitalization
Common and Proper Nouns
#2

Directions: Write "Proper" or "Common" on the left line. Next, rewrite the word. Capitalize the first letter if it is a proper noun. Finally, write "Person", "Place", or "Thing" on the next line.

Proper / Common Noun	Rewrite Word	Person, Place, or Thing
_____ 1. HOME	_____	_____
_____ 2. PACIFIC OCEAN	_____	_____
_____ 3. DR. DREW	_____	_____
_____ 4. PIZZA	_____	_____
_____ 5. BANK	_____	_____
_____ 6. CIRCUS	_____	_____
_____ 7. OLYMPICS	_____	_____
_____ 8. PRINCIPAL	_____	_____
_____ 9. MARS	_____	_____
_____ 10. PENCIL	_____	_____
_____ 11. MEXICO	_____	_____
_____ 12. CLOCK	_____	_____

Extension: Where did your friends go? Write five (5) sentences about people you know. Tell the exact place where they went.

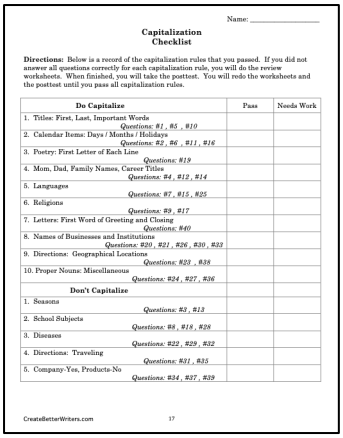
Example: Yesterday, Donna went to Downey.

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While the focus is on all types of common and proper nouns, the students will practice looking for geographical names, historical periods, holidays, and special events. These topics are concrete and can be easily contrasted between common and proper. For example, the students will be able to see the difference between the common noun, city, and the proper noun, Sacramento.

Unit 2 – Capitalization Rules

Even when all the capitalization rules are known, there are many times when it is unclear whether a word should be capitalized or not. The focus of this section is to memorize all the rules of capitalization and practice identifying words that can be tricky. For example, students will often capitalize seasons such as summer and winter. The trick at the beginning of this section will help students learn, not only the words that should be capitalized, but words that should not be capitalized.



Name: _____

Capitalization
Checklist

Directions: Below is a record of the capitalization rules that you passed. If you did not answer all questions correctly for each capitalization rule, you will do the review worksheets. When finished, you will take the posttest. You will redo the worksheets and the posttest until you pass all capitalization rules.

Do Capitalize	Pass	Needs Work
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2. Calendar Items: Days / Months / Holidays *Questions: #2 , #6 , #11 , #16*		
3. Poetry: First Letter of Each Line *Questions: #19*		
4. Mom, Dad, Family Names, Career Titles *Questions: #4 , #12 , #14*		
5. Languages *Questions: #7 , #15 , #25*		
6. Religions *Questions: #9 , #17*		
7. Letters: First Word of Greeting and Closing *Questions: #40*		
8. Names of Businesses and Institutions *Questions: #20 , #21 , #26 , #30 , #33*		
9. Directions: Geographical Locations *Questions: #23 , #38*		
10. Proper Nouns: Miscellaneous *Questions: #24 , #27 , #36*		
Don't Capitalize		
1. Seasons *Questions: #3 , #13*		
2. School Subjects *Questions: #8 , #18 , #28*		
3. Diseases *Questions: #22 , #29 , #32*		
4. Directions: Traveling *Questions: #31 , #35*		
5. Company-Yes, Products-No *Questions: #34 , #37 , #39*		

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Pretest and Checklist

Begin with a pretest to help the students understand which rules they know and which rules they need to study. After completing the pretest, the students can use the checklist to keep track of the capitalization rules they've mastered and the rules that require more focus. The students can keep the checklist in a folder to reference as they complete the worksheets.

For the capitalization rules they already know, the students can complete the worksheets as a review. When they do the worksheets for the rules they don't know, they will have a greater focus as they complete them.

The Trick

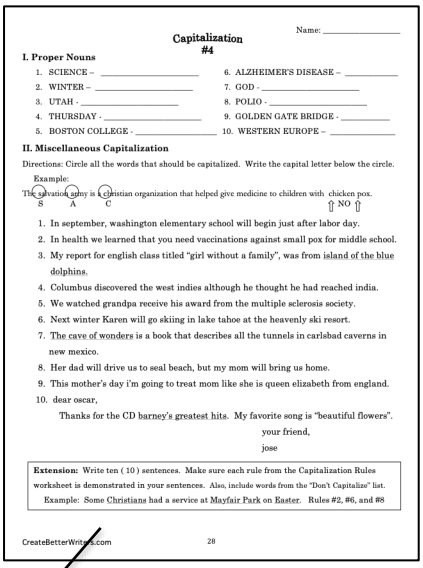
Students will learn to associate the nine capitalization rules with an image on a baseball stadium. A boy named Cappy Talleyes (sounds like Capitalize) will escort the student around the stadium showing the different rules. By the time the students finish drawing the picture, they will have a solid understanding of all the rules and a mental picture to reference while completing the worksheets and journal activities.



Next, the students will draw a picture where Cappy shows them around his school. In this picture, the students learn several common mistakes made with capitalization. Again, they will have a mental picture to warn them against common mistakes.

Worksheets

As you teach the worksheets, it helps to write each rule on a poster with a sample sentence below. The students are able to use this as a reference as they complete the worksheets and as they write. Ultimately, the goal is to help the students learn the rules to the point where they are using the capitalization rules correctly within their writing.



Name: _____

Capitalization #4

I. Proper Nouns

1. SCIENCE – _____
2. WINTER – _____
3. UTAH - _____
4. THURSDAY - _____
5. BOSTON COLLEGE - _____
6. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE – _____
7. GOD - _____
8. POLIO - _____
9. GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE - _____
10. WESTERN EUROPE – _____

II. Miscellaneous Capitalization

Directions: Circle all the words that should be capitalized. Write the capital letter below the circle.

Example:

The salvation army is a christian organization that helped give medicine to children with chicken pox.
S A C ⇧ NO ⇧

1. In september, washington elementary school will begin just after labor day.
2. In health we learned that you need vaccinations against small pox for middle school.
3. My report for english class titled "girl without a family", was from island of the blue dolphins.
4. Columbus discovered the west indies although he thought he had reached india.
5. We watched grandpa receive his award from the multiple sclerosis society.
6. Next winter Karen will go skiing in lake tahoe at the heavenly ski resort.
7. The cave of wonders is a book that describes all the tunnels in carlsbad caverns in new mexico.
8. Her dad will drive us to seal beach, but my mom will bring us home.
9. This mother's day i'm going to treat mom like she is queen elizabeth from england.
10. dear oscar,

Thanks for the CD barney's greatest hits. My favorite song is "beautiful flowers".

your friend,

jose

Extension: Write ten (10) sentences. Make sure each rule from the Capitalization Rules worksheet is demonstrated in your sentences. Also, include words from the "Don't Capitalize" list.

Example: Some Christians had a service at Mayfair Park on Easter. Rules #2, #6, and #8

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Extensions and Journal Activities

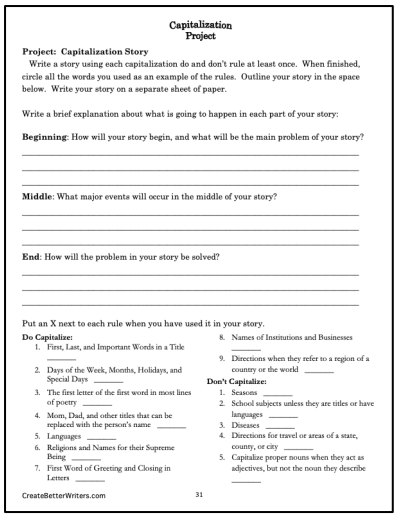
Because the goal for these worksheets is to have the students apply the rules for capitalization within their writing, many of the worksheets require that the students practice the capitalization rules within an actual writing situation. The extensions will give them immediate practice while the journal activities will allow them to practice several rules simultaneously.

Extension: Write ten (10) sentences. Make sure each rule from the Capitalization Rules worksheet is demonstrated in your sentences. Also, include words from the "Don't Capitalize" list.

Example: Some Christians had a service at Mayfair Park on Easter. Rules #2, #6, and #8

Project and Posttest

The project is an opportunity to get more practice using the capitalization rules within the context of writing. With this project, the students will be writing a story using all the capitalization rules they've learned. They will also be reading stories written by their classmates while searching for capitalization rules used by them. Through this process your students will benefit from peer tutoring in ways they could not learn from the teacher.



Capitalization Project

Project: Capitalization Story

Write a story using each capitalization do and don't rule at least once. When finished, circle all the words you used as an example of the rules. Outline your story in the space below. Write your story on a separate sheet of paper.

Write a brief explanation about what is going to happen in each part of your story:

Beginning: How will your story begin, and what will be the main problem of your story?

Middle: What major events will occur in the middle of your story?

End: How will the problem in your story be solved?

Put an X next to each rule when you have used it in your story.

Do Capitalize:

1. First, Last, and Important Words in a Title _____
2. Days of the Week, Months, Holidays, and Special Days _____
3. The first letter of the first word in most lines of poetry _____
4. Mom, Dad, and other titles that can be replaced with the person's name _____
5. Languages _____
6. Religions and Names for their Supreme Being _____
7. First Word of Greeting and Closing in Letters _____
8. Names of Institutions and Businesses _____
9. Directions when they refer to a region of a country or the world _____

Don't Capitalize:

1. Seasons _____
2. School subjects unless they are titles or have languages _____
3. Diseases _____
4. Directions for travel or areas of a state, county, or city _____
5. Capitalize proper nouns when they act as adjectives, but not the noun they describe _____

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The posttest will give you a first look at which students have a general understanding of the capitalization rules. However, if the students cannot apply the rules within the context of writing, they have not achieved the goal of these lessons.

Enjoy!



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Unit 1
Common and Proper Nouns

Capitalization

Proper Nouns

Geographical Names

Historical Periods

Holidays

Special Events

Name: _____

Capitalization
Common and Proper Nouns
#1

Common Nouns: A common noun names any person, place or thing. Common nouns are <u>not</u> capitalized.

Person: girl *Place: park* *Thing: apple*

Proper Nouns: A proper noun names an exact person, place, or thing. Proper nouns <u>are</u> capitalized.

Person: Sally *Place: Bloomfield Park* *Thing: Kleenex*

Warning: Some words can be confusing. For example, "apple" is the specific name of a fruit, but is it a proper noun? Because there are many apples in the world, "apple" is not a proper noun. If we gave the apple a name - Bob, for example - Bob would be the specific name of the apple. Thus, Bob would be capitalized, not apple.

The Trick: Because common nouns name any person, place, or thing, you can usually put "a" or "the" in front of a common noun. Therefore, try putting "a" or "the" in front of the noun. If you can, it is probably a common noun. If you can't, it is probably a proper noun.

I. **Directions:** Write "Proper" or "Common" on the line. Next, rewrite the word. Capitalize the first letter if it is a proper noun. Finally, write "Person", "Place", or "Thing" on the next line.

Common or Proper?		Rewrite Word	Person, Place, or Thing?
Common	1. DOG	**dog**	**thing**
_____	2. MT. WILSON	_____	_____
_____	3. STREET	_____	_____
_____	4. BEAVER	_____	_____
_____	5. TEXAS	_____	_____
_____	6. SNAKE RIVER	_____	_____
_____	7. ISLAND	_____	_____
_____	8. BANANA	_____	_____
_____	9. TEACHER	_____	_____
_____	10. MR. DEAN	_____	_____

Name: _____

Capitalization
Common and Proper Nouns
#6

I. Directions: Circle the "P" if the noun is proper. Circle "C" if the noun is common. Next, rewrite the word on the line. If it is a proper noun, be sure to capitalize the first letter.

P C 1. NEW YORK - _____

P C 2. FIRST COMMUNION - _____

P C 3. PARADE - _____

P C 4. ICE AGE - _____

P C 5. NEW YEAR'S EVE - _____

P C 6. MIDNIGHT - _____

Thank you for previewing
Capitalization Rules.

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Capitalization
Common and Proper Nouns
#8

Directions: In the story below, cross out all the proper nouns, and rewrite them with the correct capitalization in the space below.

In the old west there's a story about a boy named the licorice kid. He may have been only ten years old, but he was the roughest, toughest, meanest hombre to walk the small desert towns of new mexico. Nobody knows where he came from, but many people say he just appeared one day out of a dusty wind coming down from texas. Riding on his trusty steed, buttercup, the licorice kid roams the vast fields of albuquerque rescuing strangers in need.

He earned his nickname one dry, hot day when the town bully, pokemon pete, returned from ballet camp. Pokemon pete immediately rounded up all the kids in the neighborhood and started forcing them to do ballet moves between the rolling tumbleweeds at sunflower park. Suddenly, there was the crack of a whip. It was the licorice kid, and he didn't look happy.

Pokemon pete, his braces gleaming in the blazing sun, squinted at the kid daring him to make his move. The kid squinted back and ripped a bite off his long red licorice whip. As the two slowly and deliberately marched their way toward each other, the tension was just too much to bear.

Thank you for previewing
Capitalization Rules.

Name: _____

Basic Capitalization
Test Review

Directions: Write "Proper" or "Common" on the left line. Next, rewrite the word. Capitalize the first letter if it is a proper noun. Finally, write "Person", "Place", or "Thing" on the next line.

Proper / Common Noun		Rewrite Word	Person, Place, or Thing
_____	1. CALIFORNIA	_____	_____
_____	2. PACIFIC OCEAN	_____	_____
_____	3. DOCTOR	_____	_____
_____	4. WORLD WAR II	_____	_____
_____	5. CITY	_____	_____

Thank you for previewing *Capitalization Rules.*

Unit 2
Capitalization Rules

Name: _____

Capitalization Checklist

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5. Languages *Questions: #7, #15, #25*		
6. Religions *Questions: #9, #17*		

Thank you for previewing *Capitalization Rules.*

Name: _____

Capitalization
Pretest

Directions: Rewrite each word or words with the proper capitalization.

Example: JOHN - **John** BOY- **boy**

1. STAR WARS (Title) - _____
2. TUESDAY - _____
3. SUMMER - _____
4. UNCLE BOB - _____
5. THE BEST IN THE WEST (Title) - _____
6. MONTH - _____
7. FRENCH - _____
8. MATH - _____
20. HIGH SCHOOL - _____
21. RED CROSS - _____
22. POLIO - _____
23. MIDDLE EAST - _____
24. COLORADO RIVER - _____
25. GERMAN - _____
26. MC DONALD'S - _____
27. CHESS - _____
28. HISTORY - _____

Thank you for previewing *Capitalization Rules.*

Name _____

Capitalization #1

I. Proper Nouns

Directions: Rewrite the words below. Be sure to capitalize words when needed.

Examples: JOHN - __John__ BOY - __boy__

1. WEDNESDAY – _____
2. SOCIAL STUDIES – _____
3. ITALIAN – _____
4. BUDDHISM – _____
5. BIOLOGY 101 – _____
6. SUMMER – _____
7. COLLEGE PARK – _____
8. NORTHERN IRELAND – _____
9. HEALTH – _____
10. MEASLES – _____
11. WEST – _____
12. SATURDAY – _____
13. MATH – _____
14. CHINESE FOOD – _____
15. CHRISTIANITY – _____
16. MIDWEST – _____
17. LEVI PANTS – _____
18. WINTER – _____
19. TURNER SCHOOL – _____
20. SCIENCE 101 – _____

II. Miscellaneous Capitalization

Directions: Circle all the words that should be capitalized. Write the capital letter below the circle.

Example:

The salvation army is a christian organization that helped give medicine to children with chicken pox.
S A C ⇧ NO ⇧

1. The arbor day parade will have ford vans decorated with palm branches.
2. We were only allowed to speak spanish in spanish 201, taught by mrs. jones.
3. I saved a poem written by dad on thursday. It read:

> roses are red,
> violets are blue.
> you worked hard,
> and I'm proud of you.

4. The story titled <u>man without a home</u> tells of a jesuit priest who travels to north america.
5. During science we learned how polio vaccinations helped save thousands of lives in the united states.
6. We sang "up on the rooftop" at aloha elementary school's musical.
7. Next spring, the make a wish foundation will take children with cancer to southern france.
8. Some people feel that harvard university in massachusetts is better than rutgers university in new jersey.

Name: _____

Capitalization #6

I. Proper Nouns

1. HEALTH – _____
2. DELL COMPUTERS – _____
3. SEPTEMBER – _____
4. CANADIAN BACON – _____
5. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – _____
6. SPRING – _____
7. DIABETES – _____
8. ENGLISH – _____
9. CROHN'S DISEASE – _____
10. SCIENCE 201 – _____

II. Miscellaneous Capitalization

Directions: Circle all the words that should be capitalized. Write the capital letter below the circle.

Example:

The salvation army is a christian organization that helped give medicine to children with chicken pox.

S A C

⇧ NO ⇧

1. "We can see the ringling brothers circus or the group from cirque du soleil." said mom.
2. The statue of liberty sits at the mouth of the hudson river between new york and new jersey.
3. We read <u>flowers among thorns</u> in mr. rose's literature class last january.
4. The gulf of mexico and atlantic ocean both touch southern florida, but not the caribbean sea.

Thank you for previewing *Capitalization Rules.*