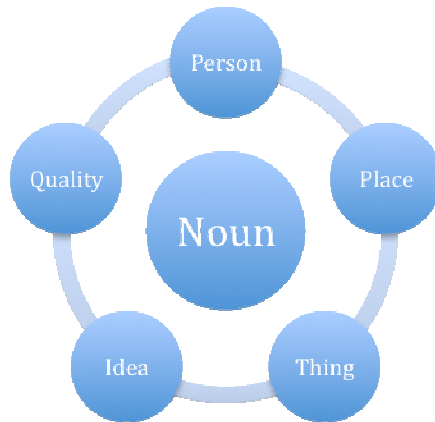




Nouns & Capitalization (1.1)

A. What is a noun?



Person	Place	Thing	Idea	Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •boy •teacher •Josh •doctor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Miami •city •countryside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •house •tree •horse •ice cream •bicycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •democracy •truth •illusion •fantasy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •beauty •caring •hatred •boredom

B. When to capitalize nouns?

Names of Specific People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: Fischer, Abigail, Carlos, Johnson, the Rubin family, the Joneses ➤ Don't capitalize: family, boy, girl, sister, teenager, cousin ➤ Capitalize: "mom" and "dad" when using the words as names, but not when they are prefaced with "my." (The same goes for aunts, uncles, etc.). For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hi, Mom! Welcome home, Dad. ○ My father and mother are busy. Could your mom or dad drive us?
Days of the week, months, and holidays, but not seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: Monday, December, Passover, Christmas ➤ Don't capitalize: autumn, fall, spring, winter, summer
Ranks and titles, but only when used with a particular person's name	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This is Doctor Smith, this is Aunt Anne, and that man is General Lee. ➤ That man is my doctor, that woman is my aunt, and that man is a general.
Geographic areas, cities, parks, states, rivers, etc.	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ North Dakota, Ohio River, Atlantic Ocean, Franklin Street, Rocky Mountains ➤ The ocean is deep. The mountains are high.
Regions of the United States, but not simple directions	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Fischer went to college in the Midwest, but she grew up in the North. ➤ I live on the west side of town.
Religions, nationalities, races, languages, countries, and adjectives related to those countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: Christians, Jews, Asians, Africans, Japanese, Arabic, France, French fries, German measles, Irish soda bread, English class
The names for God and sacred books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: God, Jehovah, Allah, the Bible, the Koran ➤ Don't capitalize gods from mythology. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were many gods and goddesses in Greek mythology.
Specific school courses, but not general subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I'm taking Algebra 101 and History of China. ➤ I'm taking math and social studies.
Names of specific schools, businesses,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: Apple Computer, Jericho High School, Miami University ➤ Don't capitalize generalities, for example:

buildings, organizations, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I want a new computer. The middle school is next door. I plan to attend college.
Brand Names	➤ Mini Cooper, Nintendo Wii, Cheerios, Kit Kat
Names of planets, but not the sun or moon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: Jupiter, Mars, Earth (when referring to the specific planet) ➤ Don't capitalize: The moon is full tonight. More than five billion people live on the earth.
Letters that stand alone	➤ Examples: U-turn, T-shirt, X-ray, an A+ in social studies class (verses an A+ in A.P. Euro)
Names of specific teams and clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: the New York Mets, the Democratic Party, Republicans, Model Congress ➤ Don't capitalize: I play on a baseball team.
Titles of movies, books, chapters, and articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Capitalize: <u>Jurassic Park</u>, <u>Lord of the Flies</u>, <u>The Little Mermaid</u> ➤ Don't capitalize: Little words (articles, conjunctions and short prepositions) are usually not capitalized unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They are the beginning word: <u>The Secret Life of Bees</u> ○ They are part of the verb: Thief Holds Up Bank
Beware of the CAP TRAP	➤ Some students get Carried Away with Caps. They seem to think that every Word they capitalize suddenly becomes Exciting or Important. Don't fall into the Cap Trap. CRAZY CAPS make your work look Bad, Bad, Bad.

C.

Independent Practice

Direction: Write "C" if the capitalization in the sentence is correct. Write "I" if there are capitalization errors AND fix the sentence.

- ___ My Aunt Madeline loves to eat quiche.
- ___ I'm home watching television with Mom and Dad.
- ___ Jessica's dad will drive us from the football game.
- ___ Every monday I visit my aunt Ellen.
- ___ Although it is also the start of school, autumn is my favorite season.
- ___ Last October I went apple picking with Uncle Mike.
- ___ The doctor doesn't have any appointments until the spring.
- ___ Even though I don't like going to the dentist, doctor Blume always makes me laugh.
- ___ All commanders are tough, but Commander McDermott is truly a man of steel.
- ___ The Hudson river divided Rockland County from Westchester County.
- ___ The ocean was very rough during Hurricane Irene.
- ___ Growing up in New England, I was always told to keep a stiff upper lip.
- ___ The midwest is often referred to as part of the Bible Belt of the United States.
- ___ When driving to New York City, head north and west.
- ___ For lunch today I ate french fries and salad with Italian dressing.
- ___ "Oh, my God!" shouted Rebecca when she saw the flood.
- ___ Next year Joey wanted to take A.P. composition.
- ___ Jericho high school has an excellent reputation.
- ___ Sally ate a snickers bar before dinner much to her mother's annoyance.
- ___ Men are from mars and women are from venus.
- ___ I planted heirloom tomato seeds in the earth, but nothing sprouted.
- ___ "That's an awesome Doctor Who t-shirt!"
- ___ The Tea Party often makes the news.
- ___ Beauty and the beast is my little cousin's favorite movie.
- ___ We're going to read Animal Farm by George Orwell.