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Common and Proper Nouns

The names of particular persons, places, and things are **proper nouns**. Capitalize the first word and each important word of a proper noun.

I love Harry Potter in the books by J. K. Rowling.

All other nouns are **common nouns**. They are not capitalized.

That author has written five best-selling novels.

Capitalize the first word and all important words in a title.

Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle

Capitalize days of the week and months of the year.

Saturday, October 14

Capitalize the first letter of an abbreviated proper noun. Abbreviations often occur in addresses, titles and initials in names, and names of days and months. Most abbreviations end with a period.

In addresses, state names are abbreviated using two capital letters and no period.

The envelope went to Mr. L. Cho, 11 E. 3rd St., Rochester, MN 55901.

It was postmarked Mon., Nov. 6.

Directions Write the proper noun from the box that matches each common noun. Add capital letters where they are needed.

sears tower	<i>my side of the mountain</i>
argentina	president jefferson
rebecca	“america the beautiful”

Common Noun

Proper Noun

1. girl

2. president

3. country

4. book

5. building

6. song



Home Activity Your child learned about common and proper nouns. Take a walk with your child. Have him or her pick out proper nouns on signs and buildings in your community and practice writing them using proper capitalization.

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Directions Rewrite each sentence. Capitalize all proper nouns.

1. Many immigrants to the united states came to new york.

2. The statue of liberty and the empire state building inspired them.

3. Men like john d. rockefeller and jacob astor had become rich in america.

4. Even a poor person could one day live at 1600 pennsylvania ave., washington, d.c.

Directions Add the date, greeting, signature, and information needed in the body of the letter. Use correct capitalization.

Dear _____,

Please come to a birthday party for _____ (person) on _____
 (day of week), _____ (date), at _____ (time of day). The party will be held at
 _____ (name of place)
 _____ (address)

We really hope you can come and help us celebrate.

Best wishes,

_____ (signature)



Home Activity Your child learned how to use common and proper nouns in writing. Ask your child to write a note inviting a friend to a special event. He or she should capitalize all proper nouns.

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Directions Mark the letter of the correct answer.

1. **A** mr. william baird, jr.
B Mr. William Baird, jr.
C Mr. William Baird, Jr.
D mr. William Baird, jr.
2. **A** sunday, march 14
B Sunday, March 14
C Sunday, march 14
D sunday, March 14
3. **A** Sugarland, TX 77478
B Sugarland, tx 77478
C sugarland, TX 77478
D Sugarland, Tx. 77478
4. **A** dr. wilson adair
B dr. Wilson adair
C Dr. wilson Adair
D Dr. Wilson Adair
5. **A** Rome, italy
B rome, italy
C Rome, Italy
D rome, Italy
6. **A** a park on the Missouri River
B a Park on the Missouri river
C a park on the missouri River
D a Park on the missouri river
7. **A** the movie *Beauty and The Beast*
B the movie *beauty and the beast*
C the Movie *Beauty And the Beast*
D the movie *Beauty and the Beast*
8. **A** 190 n. Clark st.
B 190 N. Clark St.
C 190 n. Clark St.
D 190 N. Clark st.
9. **A** *a Light in the Attic*
B *A Light in The Attic*
C *A Light In The Attic*
D *A Light in the Attic*
10. **A** Miss Anna kowalski
B miss Anna kowalski
C Miss Anna Kowalski
D miss Anna Kowalski

Directions Match each capitalization rule with the mistake in each sentence. Write the letter on the line.

- A** Capitalize the first and all important words in a book title.
B Capitalize days of the week and months of the year.
C Capitalize the first letter of an abbreviated proper noun.
D Capitalize titles before people's names.

- ___ 11. Did you know major Segal was born in Romania?
___ 12. He wrote a book called *coming to america*.
___ 13. The group meets the first monday in each month.
___ 14. April's meeting is at the library on w. Oak st.



Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on common and proper nouns. Have your child read an interesting magazine or newspaper article. He or she can circle the proper nouns and underline the common nouns.

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Directions Match the letter of each common noun on the right with a proper noun on the left. Then write another proper noun that fits in that category.

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| _____ 1. Japan | _____ | A. city |
| _____ 2. <i>Oliver Twist</i> | _____ | B. country |
| _____ 3. Ms. Kopeki | _____ | C. team |
| _____ 4. Atlanta Braves | _____ | D. book |
| _____ 5. London | _____ | E. teacher |

Directions Write *C* if the group of words is capitalized correctly. If the group of words is not capitalized correctly, rewrite it using correct capitalization.

6. Helen and her cousins _____
7. mr. Jorge Ruiz, sr. _____
8. the greatest City in the Midwest _____
9. fourth of july _____
10. Mississippi River _____
11. holidays in november _____
12. south bend, In 46614 _____

Directions Rewrite each sentence. Use capital letters where they are needed.

13. On friday we went to a restaurant on east 18th st. called hot tamales.

14. It is owned by ms. marie dablontez, who is from mexico.



Home Activity Your child reviewed common and proper nouns. Ask your child to write a note inviting a friend to do something. Have him or her check to be sure proper nouns are capitalized correctly.