

## Capital Letters: Rules for Capitalization

**A. USING CORRECT CAPITALIZATION** For each of the following sentences, capitalize each word that should begin with a capital letter.

**Example 1.** For supper my brother <sup>T</sup>tomas and I made meatloaf and <sup>S</sup>spanish rice.

1. Have you read the article about tiger woods in today's edition of the *chicago tribune*?
2. My cousin maria is taking latin, chemistry, and world history 101.
3. Both christmas and new year's day fall on tuesdays this year.
4. Lake superior, which lies between michigan and ontario, canada, is the largest of the five great lakes.
5. Last summer we visited friends in the west and toured rocky mountain national park, which is in colorado.
6. Yesterday i asked mom if she would take us to the new amusement park, thrillworld, next weekend.
7. The golden gate bridge spans san francisco bay in northern california.
8. We rented a copy of *a tree grows in brooklyn* from ali's video outlet on forty-ninth street.
9. The speaker of the house presides over the united states house of representatives.
10. My father's parents came to this country from belize, a former british colony in central america.
11. In greek mythology, zeus was the chief god; his counterpart in roman mythology was jupiter.
12. The medal of honor, which is awarded by congress, is our nation's highest military award.
13. We spent that rainy saturday afternoon playing backgammon and monopoly® and listening to emma playing the piano.
14. Did you know that thurgood marshall was the first african american appointed to the supreme court?
15. Last fall our whole astronomy I class went outside to look at a beautiful circular rainbow that had formed around the sun.
16. The first five books of the bible are known as the pentateuch.
17. Serena and casey got two pairs of lee jeans for the price of one at the big sale at davidson's department store.
18. In english class we read the japanese story "the wise old woman" as retold by yoshiko uchida.

19. The first space shuttle, the *columbia*, was launched on my brother's birthday, april 12, 1981.
20. Did you watch the academy awards on television last night?
21. The official language of brazil is portuguese, not spanish.
22. the sea of japan separates japan from the mainland of asia.
23. Have you and aunt lani seen the latest issue of *field and stream*?
24. Our geography teacher, mr. santiago, used a globe of the world to show us which countries make up central america.
25. By friday we are supposed to have read the article titled "the many attractions of magnets."

**B. PROOFREADING FOR CORRECT CAPITALIZATION** Each of the following sentences contains at least one error in capitalization. Correct each error either by changing a capital letter to a lowercase letter or by changing a lowercase letter to a capital letter.

**Example 1.** <sup>M</sup>mom and <sup>D</sup>dad were married in St. <sup>P</sup>petersburg, <sup>F</sup>florida, in the <sup>S</sup>spring of 1984.

26. Last summer we visited Mammoth cave National Park in southwestern Kentucky.
27. All County offices will be closed Monday, September 20, in observance of Rosh Hashana, the jewish New Year.
28. The magazine *Consumer reports*, which does not accept Advertising, evaluates many types of household products.
29. The six states that make up new England are Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, new Hampshire, Rhode island, and Vermont.
30. The Smithsonian institution was founded in 1846 in Washington, d.c.
31. Was Diana the Roman Goddess of the Moon, of hunting, or of both?
32. The Colorado river in Texas flows Southeast from the northwestern part of the state into the Gulf Of Mexico.
33. Lim Sing called Westwind Animal hospital to make an appointment with dr. Cleon Hall to examine her dog, bubbles.
34. My Dad and i drove to Park Rapids, Minnesota, to go fishing at Upper Bottle Lake.
35. Mrs. Williams, my Math teacher, is taking night classes at the university of Iowa.
36. For Grandfather's birthday I memorized one of his favorite poems, "Those winter Sundays" by African american poet Robert Hayden.
37. My Music teacher, Mrs. Evangelista, is originally from the greek island of Mykonos.

- 38.** The thank-you letter was short and simple:

Dear M. E. Jones:

Thank you for your contribution. we appreciate your support.

Yours Truly,

Community Chest of Sunnyvale.

- 39.** The city library is on Twenty-Third Street, two blocks East of the Community Bank of Rockford.
- 40.** The Principal announced that the new high school's sports teams would be called the timberwolves.
- 41.** Long ago the Pacific ocean covered the Mojave Desert in Southeastern California.
- 42.** The U.S. Civil war has also been called the War between the States.
- 43.** The Capital of California is Sacramento, not los Angeles.
- 44.** One of aunt Megan's favorite cartoons is *For Better or worse*.
- 45.** The first ten Amendments to the United States constitution are known as the Bill of Rights.
- 46.** My cousin Max is a second Lieutenant in the Marine corps.
- 47.** I found some of the information for my report in the latest edition of *The World Almanac And Book of Facts*.
- 48.** On Labor day weekend, we grilled chicken and catfish on our Weber Grill.
- 49.** Author Karen Hesse won the 1998 Newbery medal for *Out of the dust*.
- 50.** My favorite chapter in my history book is "Wooden ships and Iron sailors," which has a picture of the famous, beautiful clipper ship the *Flying cloud*.