

## Capitalization Rules

Topic	Rule	Example
<p><b><u>Directions</u></b> (north, south, east, west)</p>	<p>When indicating general direction, do NOT capitalize.</p> <p>When the word is part of a proper noun, such as North America, then you must capitalize.</p>	<p>Head north on I-35 until you see the Denton exit.</p> <p>My cousin visited Southern Asia last summer.</p>
<p><b><u>Proper Nouns</u></b></p>	<p>Names of people, places (countries, states, towns, cities, regions, continents, etc.), historical events, geographical locations, major bodies of water, time periods, buildings, monuments, street names, school or university names, the pronoun I, days of the week, months, holidays.</p>	<p>Our vacation house is just west of Annapolis near the Maryland State House.</p> <p>The Elizabethan era is my favorite time period to study in my European History class.</p> <p>I would like to visit Mount Vesuvius one day.</p> <p>I watched a documentary on the islands of the Pacific Ocean.</p>
<p><b><u>Important Words in a Title</u></b></p>	<p>Capitalize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first word in the title</li> <li>• The last word in the title</li> <li>• The important words in the title</li> <li>• Important words include: nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, subordinating conjunctions.</li> </ul> <p>Do NOT Capitalize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles (a, an, the)</li> <li>• Coordinating Conjunctions (and, but, for)</li> <li>• Prepositions (at, by, from).</li> </ul>	<p>We read "A Sound of Thunder" in my English class last week.</p> <p><i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> is read in the tenth grade here at Flower Mound High School.</p> <p>I cannot wait to read <i>The Great Gatsby</i> in eleventh grade!</p> <p>The first day of school we read the poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost.</p>

**Capitalization Practice** – 1. Correct the capitalization errors in the sentences. 2. Make sure you correctly identify the titles of short stories, poetry, and novels with quotation marks or underlining.

we also read my sister, the soldier in mrs. greenlaw's class.

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my favorite store to shop at is banana republic, which is near the bookstore barnes and noble off of f.m. 407. and 2499 in the shops of highland village.

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to reach the thomas point lighthouse, go south on monroe street until you can see the atlantic ocean.

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i heard the seniors read a novel called a farewell to arms by earnest hemingway.

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my father hiked mount fuji once when he was traveling in japan.

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once when i was in south africa, i visited the zulu people, a famous bantu ethnic group.

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my grandfather warned me that crossing old alton bridge was dangerous since everyone says the ghost of oscar washburn, a.k.a. the goatman, apparently haunts the small bit of water near copper canyon.

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i enjoyed reading who understands me but me in my english class last friday.

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