Capital Letters for Proper Nouns

Proper nouns: A **proper noun** is the name of a **single particular person**, animal, place or thing. It MUST ALWAYS have a capital letter.

- names of countries and counties: Spain, Scotland.
- names of people: Mike Smith, Barack Obama.
- When talking about yourself, the pronoun **I** is always written as a capital letter.
- names of towns and cities: Edinburgh, Leith.
- names of rivers, lakes/lochs, oceans and seas: Loch Lomond, the Nile.
- names of days of the week: Monday, Saturday.
- names of months of the year: January, December.
- titles of books: 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.'

Task A: Select all the words that need a capital letter.

A: australia/ stream / school / dublin / rhine / tuesday /pencil / desk / book / february

B: germany / train / sarah / france /computer / beautiful / ireland /scissors

C: diary of a wimpy kid / transport /year / edinburgh / island / malta/ thames

D: birmingham/ william shakespeare /atlantic ocean/ august / scientist/ isaac newton

E: book / house / charles dickens / january / screen / film / America

Task B:

There are 10 proper nouns in the box. Write them **correctly** in the blank spaces below.

wayne rooney ship box paris flu japan bicycle
dog glasgow edinburgh castle glass river kelvin cage
scotland computers grass world cup robert burns
sunshine coffee buttons queen elizabeth pizza

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Task B: Copy out the following passages putting in all the necessary capital letters:

- friday is my favourite day of the week. there is no school for a couple of days and there is the weekend to look forward to. this weekend, however, i have rather a lot of homework. i have quite a lot of maths to do and a long essay about 'holes' by louis sachar.

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- munster is a province in southern ireland. it is made up of the counties of clare, cork, kerry, limerick, tipperary and waterford. cork is an important city in county cork. it is the second most important port in Ireland.

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- sir Isaac newton was an english mathematician and scientist. he was born at woolsthorpe in lincolnshire in 1642. he died in 1727. he attended gratham grammar school and later studied at trinity college, cambridge. he is, perhaps, most famous for his discoveries about gravity.

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Extension: Write down five sentences about your school, paying close attention to words which need a capital letter.

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