

Pre-reading:



Do you think punctuation marks are important?
Why? Why not?

READ THE POSTERS

Punctuation			
•	Full Stop	End a sentence	Mary rode her bike to the playground.
,	Comma	Separate items in a list	I like reading books, listening to music, and studying English.
		Show a break in a sentence	As the day came to an end, the fire fighters put out the last spark.
?	Question Mark	Ask a question	Where are you from?
!	Exclamation Mark	Emphasis a strong feeling	Wow! Today has been awesome!
;	Semi-Colon	Link elements of a sentence	My daughter is a teacher; my son is a doctor.
:	Colon	Introduce a list	You have two choices: finish the work today or lose the contract.
" "	Quotation Marks	Show what is said	"I work in Italy" said Jimmy.
'	Apostrophe	Show ownership or missing letters	Sean's performance at school has greatly improved. They're going to the movies tonight.
-	Hyphen	Join words together	My eight-year-old boy loves reading.
()	Brackets	Set off less important details	The two brothers (Richard and Sean) were learning how to play guitar.
...	Ellipsis	Show that parts of sentences are left out	To be continues...

10 CAPITALIZATION RULES

1. Capitalize the first word of every sentence, and every new line.

- I got up early. Then I went to school.

2. Capitalize the first word of quoted sentences.

- He said to her, "You betray my trust!"

3. Capitalize the names of people

- Mary, John, Sam, Susan, etc.



5. Capitalize the name of streets, cities, provinces, states & countries

- Washington street, the United States

6. Capitalize the place or specific locations.

- I love studying English and history.

4. Capitalize words derived from proper nouns.

- I am headed to the South this summer.

7. Capitalize the names of books, movies, arts, articles, etc.)

- One Hundred Years of Solitude
- The Return of Superman

8. Capitalize the pronoun "I"

- My friend and I go to school together.

9. Capitalize an interjection, an exclamation

- Oh! Look! Surprise! Woah!

10. Capitalize opening and closing of a letter

- Dear Mary,
- Cheers, Sincerely, etc.



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While -reading:

2. Read the text carefully.

the biggest celebration for uruguayan gauchos fiesta de la patria gaucha is a great meeting point for country and city uruguayans their

history and their traditions. it started in tacuarembó in 1987 and since then every year in the first week of march more than 30,000 people and over 13 gaucha societies meet in the beautiful lago de las lavanderas to participate in country style activities. over five days you can enjoy singing and dancing taste traditional cooking drink mate and watch competitions and games on horseback. another important feature of this event is the reenactment of early folk life in

uruguay the gaucha societies set up general stores and other landmarks of that time. in the evenings there is folk dancing and people dress up in their traditional gear for the dancing competitions. the best known folk musicians in the country and the region provide the musical accompaniment for this event.



3. Write it again. Use the correct punctuation marks and capitalization.

4. Write a title for the text.



Post-reading: Answer. Remember to use appropriate punctuation marks and capitalization.

What other famous Uruguayan festivals do you know? When and where do they take place?

Which one do you like most? What can you do and see there?