Capitalization

Capitalization is when a word needs to start with a capital letter. Keep reading to find out exactly when you need to use a capital letter.

1. At the beginning of a sentence
   Every sentence needs to start with a capital letter.

2. proper nouns
   examples: Samuel Genest, Old Navy

3. days of the week, months of the year
   example: Friday, March 6th

4. holidays
   examples: Christmas, Easter, St Patrick's Day

5. titles
   In a title, you must always capitalize the first word and all the following words **except** for **prepositions**, **articles**, and **conjunctions**.
   examples: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, The Two Towers

6. cities, countries, nationalities, languages
   example: In Vancouver, Canada, there is a strong Chinese population, so it is not uncommon to hear Mandarin spoken there.

7. time periods and events (except for centuries)
   examples: World War II was one of the biggest events of the twentieth century. The Renaissance is famed for its art.

A. Select the words that are **incorrectly capitalized** in each sentence. **Click on the blue box** in front of the word.

1. ◯ My ◯ mother's ◯ Sister ◯ is ◯ my ◯ Aunt. ◯ Her ◯ name ◯ is ◯ Jocelyn.
2. ◯ have ◯ you ◯ ever ◯ seen ◯ a ◯ Dalmatian ◯ on ◯ Montreal ◯ road?
3. ◯ I ◯ went ◯ to ◯ David's ◯ tea ◯ yesterday ◯ to ◯ get ◯ a ◯ refill ◯ of ◯ my ◯ favourite ◯ blends.

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4. ◯ Corrine ◯ and ◯ i ◯ are ◯ going ◯ to ◯ see ◯ Birds ◯ Of ◯ Prey ◯ at ◯ scotiabank ◯ theatre.
5. ◯ Would ◯ you ◯ have ◯ liked ◯ to ◯ live ◯ in ◯ the ◯ middle ◯ ages?
6. ◯ Meet ◯ me ◯ at ◯ Midnight ◯ on ◯ friday ◯ the ◯ thirteenth ◯ of ◯ may.

B. Rewrite these sentences, following the rules of capitalization. Use the line below.

1. my teacher speaks four languages: french, english, spanish, and russian.

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2. she learned to speak the last at the university of ottawa.

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3. henry's favourite book is to kill a mockingbird, by harper lee.

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4. he got a copy of it for christmas, which he finished on the fourteenth of january.

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5. my cultural background is mostly european.

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6. my father's family is german and irish, and my mother's family is french.

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7. however, all of my family has lived in canada for generations.

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8. the war of the roses was a famous conflict in the middle ages.

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