

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.

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.

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

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

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

5. my cultural background is mostly european.

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

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

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