

Chapter 13: Capital Letters, pp. 257–278

Choices: Investigating Capital Letters, p. 257

Choices activities are designed to extend and enrich students' understanding of grammar, usage, and mechanics and to take learners beyond traditional classroom instruction. To use the Choices worksheet, have each student pick an activity that interests him or her. In some cases, you may wish to assign an activity to a particular student or group of students. You may also want to request that students get your approval for the activities they choose. Establish guidelines for what constitutes successful completion of an activity. Then, help students plan how they will share their work with the rest of the class.

Choices activities can be scored with a pass-fail grade or treated as bonus-point projects. Those activities that require students to research or create a certain number of items might be graded in a traditional manner.

First Words and I and O, p. 258

EXERCISE A

1. When ~~i~~^I was eight years old, my grandmother came to live with my family.
2. She always used to say, "Great ~~great~~ books need to be read often."
3. Every night after dinner, my grandmother and ~~i~~^I would settle down to read.
4. On some evenings she'd say something like "O, great bookcase! What do you have for us?"
5. ~~then~~^{Then} she'd close her eyes and pick the first book that she touched.

EXERCISE B

- [6] ~~dear~~^{Dear} Annika,
- [7] ~~how~~^{How} are you? I just received your last letter.
- [8] ~~as~~^{As} always, I enjoyed hearing your stories.
- [9] I appreciated your description of your favorite book, so I thought ~~i'd~~^{I'd} tell you about a

great book I just read. [10] ~~it's~~^{It's} a biography of John Muir, who founded the Sierra Club. [11] A man who fought hard to protect the wilderness, Muir once said, "Climb ~~climb~~ the mountains and get their good tidings." [12] After reading about him, ~~i~~^I am eager to climb a mountain myself. [13] I haven't climbed a real mountain yet, but ~~i~~^I do like to improve my skills on indoor climbing walls. [14] ~~maybe~~^{Maybe} one day we could take a trip to a mountain together. Till then, I guess we'll settle for writing letters.

[15] ~~your~~^{Your} friend,

Anna

Proper Nouns A, p. 259

EXERCISE A

1. Is there anyone in this class who can tell us Booker ~~t~~^Washington's middle name?
2. I loved the picture Alex just sent us that shows her two cats, ~~p~~^Pumpkin and ~~s~~^Snowball.
3. Her daughter's favorite essay was written by Dr. Martin ~~l~~^Luther King, ~~j~~^Jr.
4. If you are looking for a good dentist, you may want to try Joseph Dawes, ~~d~~^Dds
5. The newspaper story announced the company's new chief financial officer: ~~s~~^Shawn ~~t~~^Tmoddes.
6. When I get my first dog, a sheltie, I will name her ~~l~~^Lassie.
7. The directions say to turn left at the street just after the sign that says "Marcia Ford, ~~M~~^M.""
8. While at her friend Mandy's house, Suzi felt awkward every time ~~m~~^Mandy's mother called out, "Here, ~~s~~^Susie!" and the family's poodle came running.

9. Did the magazine article you read quote Herbert Martin, Sr., or Herbert Martin, Jr.?
10. When she was in high school, Jackie Joyner-Kersey was on the basketball, volleyball, and track teams.

EXERCISE B

Answers will vary. Sample responses are provided.

11. Fluffy
12. Mrs. Garcia
13. Abraham Lincoln
14. Jeffrey T. McLeod
15. Elizabeth Phillips, M.D.

Proper Nouns B, p. 260

EXERCISE A

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| 1. P | 5. C | 9. C |
| 2. C | 6. P | 10. P |
| 3. P | 7. C | |
| 4. C | 8. P | |

EXERCISE B

11. Does your Uncle live in a suburb of Washington, D.C., or in the city itself?
12. Reginald says to turn left on Thirty-Seventh Street.
13. The only constellation Shannon can recognize immediately is Orion.
14. The main business district of Omaha, Nebraska, lies near the Missouri River.
15. The freshwater lakes that empty into this river are known as the Great Lakes.
16. Sharing its name with a mythological god, Pluto is the smallest planet in our solar system.
17. A certain species of wild monkey has been living on the famous Rock of Gibraltar for hundreds of years.
18. To go from Austin to San Antonio, he gets on Interstate 35 and starts driving south.

19. My cousins have lived on Peachtree Lane in Atlanta, Georgia, for three years.
20. The largest ice cap in Iceland, Vatna Glacier, covers more than three thousand square miles.

Proper Nouns C, p. 261

EXERCISE A

1. Will the post office be closed on Columbus Day this year?
2. How many schools in the United States have the name Trinity College or Trinity University?
3. The committee decided that the new school's teams would be known as the Lincoln High Panthers.
4. To punish the colonists for the rebellion known as the Boston Tea Party, England passed a series of laws that the colonists called the Intolerable Acts.
5. Can you name the country where the matches of the next World Cup will be played?
6. My neighbor helped organize the parade for Veterans Day.
7. Are you going to New Orleans during Mardi Gras?
8. Next September a friend of Joe's will begin attending the University of Redlands in California.
9. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is known for combating workplace discrimination.
10. Aretha's mom has been working downtown at the Department of Insurance for seven years.

EXERCISE B

Answers will vary. Sample responses are provided.

11. New York Yankees
12. Great Depression
13. Civil War
14. Department of Health and Human Services
15. ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

Proper Nouns D, p. 262**EXERCISE A**

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| 1. P | 3. P | 5. P |
| 2. C | 4. C | |

EXERCISE B

6. In Greek mythology, hermes is the cunning messenger of the gods known for his winged shoes and hat.
7. Brooke and Paige just bought tickets to see their favorite celtic band play on Saturday night.
8. Lauren's mom prepared a wonderful selection of food for the first night of rosh hashana.
9. The supreme deity of the Muslim religion, islam, isallah.
10. My two favorite dishes at that thai restaurant are ginger shrimp and cashew chicken.
11. We watched a video about the history of polynesian new zealanders, known as maoris.
12. As we drove down the street, we admired the architecture of the episcopal church to our left and the baptist church to our right.
13. When Corey visited India, she learned more about hinduism, which is the country's principal religion.
14. african culture was influenced by the egyptians, who provided Africa with its earliest civilizations.
15. One reason that Kevin is learning hebrew is to increase his understanding of the torah.

Proper Nouns E, p. 263**EXERCISE A**

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| 1. P | 3. P | 5. C |
| 2. C | 4. P | |

EXERCISE B

6. I just noticed that construction is finally underway for atkins elementary school.
7. Did you know that the design for France's eiffel tower was chosen from a contest?
8. Tanya watched the country music awards on TV last night, but I decided to read.
9. The handprints of celebrities appear in concrete at man's chinese theatre in Hollywood.
10. In 1940, William Saroyan, a writer whose work celebrates life, turned down a pulitzer prize for a play that he said was "no more great or good" than anything else he had written.
11. When we saw a show at the paramount theater last Wednesday, we parked across the street at the covington hotel's parking garage.
12. In Washington this past summer, Kira saw the white house and the lincoln memorial.
13. Once called the tokyo imperial museum, the tokyo national museum showcases Japanese calligraphy, paintings, swords, pottery, and many other kinds of art.
14. Suddenly, a booming voice came over the loudspeaker announcing that Mr. Romano had won our school district's educator of the year award.
15. The shape of the sydney opera house is hard to forget!

Proper Nouns F, p. 264

EXERCISE A

1. C
2. P
3. C
4. P
5. P

EXERCISE B

6. When the British ship *Carpathia* reached the *Titanic* at 4:00 in the morning, just over seven hundred people were rescued.
7. The primary corporation that provides bus travel among cities in the United States and Canada is *Greyhound Lines, Inc.*
8. Uncle Carlo was thrilled when he got the chance to unveil the sign at his brand-new store, *Cornerstone Books*.
9. Charles Lindbergh's plane, *Spirit of St. Louis*, had the most advanced aircraft instruments available in the late 1920's.
10. When my Australian friend Fiona says "Nestlé," she pronounces the name of this company as if it rhymes with the word *wrestle*.

Proper Adjectives and Names of School Subjects, p. 265

EXERCISE A

1. Our junior high offers *French*, *Spanish*, and *Russian* courses.
2. The Chunnel connects England and France by way of the *English* Channel.
3. Shakespeare was the most famous of the *Elizabethan* playwrights.
4. We studied the sculpture of Rodin in my *Art* history course.
5. The *Canadian* and *Mexican* nations are two nations on the *North American* continent.
6. I am taking an *American* history course as well as *Chemistry* I.

7. The United States bought the *Alaskan* region from the *Russian* government.
8. Are you going to take *Government* II in summer school?
9. Must you complete *Algebra* II before you can take a geometry class?
10. In Mrs. Bard's *Geography* class this semester, we will focus on *African* and *Asian* countries.

EXERCISE B

11. *Texan*
12. *Celtic*
13. *Japanese*
14. *Jew*
15. *Scandinavian*

Proper Nouns and Adjectives A, p. 266

EXERCISE A

1. I'd prefer to have lunch rather than dinner at *Bombay* grill tomorrow.
2. On May 7, 1915, the *British* passenger ship *Lusitania* sank after being hit by a *German* torpedo.
3. Do you remember when David Hyde Pierce won the *funniest* male actor [or *funniest* male actor] award at the TV *Guide* Awards?
4. After attending *Acting* 101, *Aaron* became even more outgoing than he had been in the first place.
5. Even though she says she wants to try something new, Kara orders *enchiladas* every time she goes to a *Mexican* restaurant.

EXERCISE B

Answers will vary. Sample responses are given.

6. *country*
7. *Britney Spears*
8. *class*
9. *Gateway Theater*
10. *basketball team*

Proper Nouns and Adjectives B, p. 267

EXERCISE A

1. C
2. P
3. P
4. P
5. C

EXERCISE B

6. The author of the controversial Magazine article was ^{P F M.D.} Pat Frost, m.d.
7. Earth is the fifth largest planet in the ^S Solar System, and it is the third farthest away from the sun.
8. An architectural masterpiece that includes elements of ^S Greek and ^R Roman design, ^S St. Paul's Cathedral stands in ^L London, ^E England.
9. Many ^C Churches observe ^A Ash Wednesday by using ashes of palms burned after the previous year's ^P Palm ^S Sunday service.
10. Because his ^P Poems mimic human thought, the works of the ^A American poet ^J John ^A Ashbery often do not have a logical beginning, middle, or end.

Titles Used with People, p. 268

EXERCISE A

1. After a tense campaign, the Latin Club finally elected its next (*President*, president).
2. What day of the week will (Dr. Karnik, *dr. Karnik*) be taking another look at Catherine's sprained ankle?
3. If you want an opinion about crime in this town, just ask (Constable Taylor, *constable Taylor*).
4. Serena's (*Sister Amy*, sister Amy) used to be a conductor of the Seattle Girls' Choir.
5. Our next-door neighbor was the (*Mayor*, mayor) of Des Moines over twenty years ago.

EXERCISE B

6. The leader of the service this morning will be ^R Rabbi Schmidt.
7. If you ever get the chance to watch a trial at the Supreme Court, you will likely be impressed with the ^J Justices and their knowledge of each case.
8. Signs all around town urged voters to reelect ^J Judge Perez.
9. The candidates thanked ^P Professor Sherman for arranging the round-table discussion.
10. Marta's ^B Brother Marcus says he owes his interest in chemistry to ^P Professor Frazee.

Titles of Works, p. 269

EXERCISE A

- _____ 1. "Golden Door: A Nation Of Immigrants"
- _____ 2. *Who's The Boss?*
3. *The Return of the Native*
4. "Section Four: Sound Effects"
5. *Hagar the Horrible*

EXERCISE B

6. Have you ever seen the TV show ^T *The Dukes* ^O *Of Hazzard*?
7. The ending of *Where* ^f *The Red Fern Grows* is too sad for Rita to read more than once.
8. My mother's favorite song on her ^S *Shine* CD is "Letters ^f To Katharine."
9. Today's *Mother Goose & Grimm* ^C *Comic* ^S *Strip* features the dog gnawing on its owner's shoes.
10. At Shelly's house we played *Asteroids* ^H *Hyper* 64 for twenty minutes, then went outside and took a walk.

11. The April issue of *Reader's Digest* contains an article by Connie Chung.
12. She saw James Stewart in the play *Harvey* at the Lillian Beaumont Theater.
13. Aunt Helen gave me a copy of the book *Pride and Prejudice*.
14. Have you seen the play *Evita*, the story of Eva Peron?
15. Your assignment for next week is to read "Chapter 18: The Power of The People."

Titles A, p. 270

EXERCISE A

- ✓ 1. "Chapter 2: Lawns and Gardens"
- ✓ 2. my uncle Ken
- _____ 3. *Tokyo extreme Racer*
- ✓ 4. *Death of a Salesman*
- _____ 5. New Hampshire's Governor

EXERCISE B

6. "Casey at the bat" may be the most famous baseball poem ever written.
7. Jerome enjoyed the Columbia Symphony Orchestra's version of Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*.
8. Do you think we could talk uncle Jerry into renting *A League of Their Own* with us tonight?
9. Even though it is short, The Gettysburg address effectively describes president Lincoln's vision of American democracy.
10. I would love to get the chance to see the Broadway play *The Lion King*, and then compare it to the movie.

Titles B, p. 271

EXERCISE

1. James Whistler's oil painting *Miss Cicely Alexander: Harmony in Gray and Green* is realistic and striking.
2. Who do you think will become the next Governor of Minnesota?
3. The group of young soldiers addressed colonel Ezba with a great deal of respect.
4. How many recipes have you cut out of this issue of *Cooking Light* magazine, grandmother?
5. *Car Wheels on a Gravel Road* by Lucinda Williams is a CD that aunt Shelby listens to constantly.
6. The Professor who teaches Jake's genetics class recommended that the students read the book *Jurassic Park*.
7. Playing forcefully, the violin soloist amazed the audience with her performance in the production of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*.
8. What time will aunt Mary and uncle Theo be coming to dinner this Friday?
9. I find Walt Whitman's poem "o captain! my captain!" rather inspiring.
10. Whenever she gets the chance, Stacy's Aunt Thera reads *The New York Times*.

Review A: Capitalization, p. 272

EXERCISE A

1. Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain
2. the capital of Missouri, Jefferson City
3. 327 East Seventy-second Street, New York, New York
4. a Summer vacation in the mountains
5. the largest newspaper in the state of Alabama

EXERCISE B

- Of all of Harrison Ford's movies, I like *Raiders of The Lost Ark* the best.
- Which song begins with the words "O beautiful, for spacious skies"?
- You will be a fine member of the staff of Carnegie Hospital, doctor.
- The Golden Gate Bridge is in San Francisco.
- Drive West on Route 66.
- Many Texans cheer for the football team at the University of Texas.
- Next winter we will visit my Grandmother in South Carolina.
- The author Nadine Gordimer won a Nobel Prize in 1991.
- Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are separated by the Bay of Fundy.
- Brazil covers nearly half of the South American continent.
- The United States celebrates its independence from England on the Fourth of July.
- The planet Mercury is closer to the sun than is our own planet, Earth.
- Ernest Hemingway wrote a book titled *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- The Irish poet William Butler Yeats wrote "The Wild Swans at Coole."
- First-year students at Houston High School must take algebra I.

Review B: Capitalization, p. 273**EXERCISE A**

- New Hampshire's largest city, Manchester
- the Western side of Pyramid Lake
- a member of the United States Congress
- the Miami Herald, a large city newspaper

- 803 South Fifteenth Avenue, Wishtree, Arkansas

EXERCISE B

- Which Shakespeare character said "All the world's a stage"?
- The poem begins "Once upon a midnight dreary. . ."
- In my art history class I saw a print of one of Dürer's etchings.
- Toronto is the Canadian city closest to Niagara Falls.
- Wittenberg University is in the state of Ohio.
- The German flag has three stripes—a red one, a gold one, and a black one.
- In what year or years did Jack Nicholson win an Academy Award?
- Last Summer I went swimming in Lake Erie.
- Farmers in the Midwest grow most of the nation's wheat.
- The Vikings were Scandinavian explorers and adventurers.
- Did you see the movie *Planet of the Apes*?
- Mia and I enjoyed the French movie *The Return of Martin Guerre*.
- Sophomores at Harrington High School must take World History I.
- When did you purchase your boat, *The Sandpiper*, Captain?
- College students really enjoy the Dartmouth Winter Carnival.

Review C: Capitalization, p. 274**EXERCISE**

- Are you referring to the Amy Shook who is a computer programmer in San Francisco?
- One of my favorite CDs of all time is Sarah McLachlan's *Surfacing*.

3. The tourist stood in front of a map on the wall at grand central station.
4. When you get to the day-care center called here he we sgrow, ask for the director, whose name is melissa mallett.
5. According to legend, those who kiss the famous blarny stone, located near cork, ireland, will gain the ability to persuade others.
6. When their older sister graduated with two master's degrees, Beth and sally congratulated her by sending her a letter addressed to ellen sharp, m.a., M.B.A.
7. What did aunt aTamisha think of the 1999 version of a *Midsummer Night's Dream*?
8. The re^rverend Michael Hunn, a chaplain at kent high school, coaches baseball.
9. The photography in a *River Runs Through It* made Maria's mother want to visit Montana.
10. One of the history teachers from my sister's middle school came in yesterday and showed us slides from his trip to santiago, the capital city of chile.
11. Our friend katie brown dreamt that she bought a tiny monkey and named him pepe.
12. Marcus Aurelius, who became emp^eror of rome in A.D. 161, is associated with the Golden Age of rome.
13. Muted pinks and purples dominate Paul Ladnier's work granby snow scene.
14. After your mom turns left, look for the sign that reads, "Isabel Price, d.d.s."
15. Was the USS nimitz named for the World War II U.S. admiral chester nimitz?
16. Gemma recommends the Web site of the Women's Sports foundation.

17. Julie loved her tour of the alhambra, a palace in granada, Spain.
18. Sharla's mom is an English teacher at the local middle school.
19. Missy's uncle Bruce says that he always enjoys reading *The New Yorker*.
20. Dorothy jeakins won an oscar for her costume designs in joan of arc.

Proofreading Application: Web Page, p. 275

1. New York serves as a major trade center in north america.
2. In search of a larger role in America's trade, New York built the Erie canal.
3. immigrants from every part of the world have come to New York.
4. Italian, Irish, Chinese, and Hispanic immigrants—as well as Russian jews—figure prominently in New York's history.
5. Many immigrants have passed by the statue of Liberty on Liberty Island.
6. New York's transportation system, which includes John F. Kennedy International airport, also contributes to the state's trade success.
7. The Metropolitan museum encourages businesses to trade in this great city.
8. Columbia university draws some of the finest minds in the world.
9. Sites such as Niagara falls harness New York's rich natural resources.
10. Those who walk on Wall street experience a sophisticated culture that has taken centuries to create.

Literary Model: Poetry, pp. 276–77**EXERCISE A**

1. Dickinson’s poem breaks traditional rules of capitalization. Her poem capitalizes some common nouns, such as *frog* and *bog*.
2. *Answers will vary. A sample response is provided.*

The common nouns that are capitalized in Dickinson’s poem must be important. *Nobody*, for example, seems like a name Dickinson has given herself. The image Dickinson creates is one of changed perspective. This unconventional style shows readers how to look at the world in a new way.

3. *Answers will vary. A sample response is provided.*

Capitalization in Swenson’s poem is similar to capitalization in prose sentences. The poem capitalizes the first letters of sentences, so I tended to pause before each sentence. For me, Swenson’s poem read like a journal or a diary, or some other everyday piece of writing.

EXERCISE B

Answers will vary. A sample poem is provided.

i wasn’t in the scene
only at the fringes
but my ears have a memory of their own
and when i heard the taunts and jeers
of those meaty senior boys
raining down on patricio
—newly arrived from el salvador
and half their size—
Back To Where You Belong
Back To Where You Belong
was their message
when i heard their jeers and taunts
i remembered my own first days
in iowa city ten years ago
and making my voice sound important
i called out
Patricio Valdes, You’re Wanted In The Office

EXERCISE C

1. *Answers will vary. A sample response is provided.*

I capitalized only the words that were actually being spoken in the scene I was describing. I wanted these words to stand out from the rest of the poem.

2. *Answers will vary. A sample response is provided.*

No, because a writer who does not follow traditional rules of capitalization will either confuse readers or make them think he or she does not know basic grammar rules.

Writing Application: Brochure, p. 278

Writing Applications are designed to provide students immediate composition practice in using key concepts taught in each chapter of the *Language and Sentence Skills Practice* booklet. You may wish to evaluate student responses to these assignments as you do any other writing that students produce. To save grading time, however, you may want to use the following scoring rubric.

Scoring Rubric

The brochure’s five paragraphs describe the organization’s goals and activities and list officers, meeting times, and meeting place.

1 2 3 4 5

The organization of the brochure is logical and appealing.

1 2 3 4 5

All rules of capitalization are followed.

1 2 3 4 5

The assignment is relatively free of errors in usage and mechanics.

1 2 3 4 5

Total Score _____

5 = highest; 1 = lowest