

# Capitals for Titles of Things • Practice 1

**Works of Art** Capitalize the first word and all other important words in the titles of books, periodicals, poems, stories, plays, paintings, and other works of art.

WORKS OF ART	
Book: <i>The Book of Lists</i>	Periodical: <i>Art in America</i>
Poem: "Mending Wall"	Story: "Of Missing Persons"

**School Courses** Capitalize titles of courses when they are language courses or when they are followed by a number or have a specific name.

COURSES	
French	Spanish
History 201	Math 104
Writing for Success Workshop	

**Exercise 1** Using Capitals for Works of Art. Underline each word that should be capitalized in the items below.

**EXAMPLE:** We are reading hamlet.

- I enjoy reading Robert Frost's poem "birches."
- My parents subscribe to american perspective magazine.
- Have you ever seen Winslow Homer's painting the gulf stream.
- One of O. Henry's short stories is "the gift of the magi."
- I am starting a subscription to civil war times.
- The setting for johnny tremain is colonial America.
- I thought old yeller was a heartwarming novel.
- "christmas day in the morning" is one of Pearl S. Buck's famous short stories.
- A farewell to arms, for whom the bell tolls, and the old man and the sea are three of Ernest Hemingway's best novels.
- Joe likes to read fiction international.

**Exercise 2** Using Capitals for Courses. Underline each word that should be capitalized.

**EXAMPLE:** I plan to take french next semester.

- My favorite courses are math, chemistry, and spanish.
- Mr. Wegmus teaches biology 101.
- This term my sister is taking algebra II.
- My brother is planning to take greek in college.
- Chico is taking introduction to modern american fiction as his elective course.

**Exercise 1**

Using Capitals for Works of Art. Rewrite each of the following titles, adding the missing capitals. Use underlining and quotation marks as shown.

EXAMPLE: rose in bloom      Rose in Bloom

1. as you like it      As You Like It
2. the call of the wild      The Call of the Wild
3. "jabberwocky"      "Jabberwocky"
4. better gardens monthly      Better Gardens Monthly
5. tales of a wayside inn      Tales of a Wayside Inn
6. the mystery of the old clock      The Mystery of the Old Clock
7. keeping fit magazine      Keeping Fit Magazine
8. the old man and the sea      The Old Man and the Sea
9. "the dog of pompeii"      "The Dog of Pompeii"
10. in the rain      In the Rain
11. the thinker      "The Thinker"
12. computer graphics magazine      Computer Graphics Magazine
13. a wrinkle in time      A Wrinkle in Time
14. "flowers for algernon"      "Flowers for Algernon"
15. "harlem night song"      "Harlem Night Song"

**Exercise 2**

Using Capitals for Courses. For each of the following, choose the correctly written course title from the choices in parentheses and write it in the blank.

EXAMPLE: My most difficult course is German. (german, German)

1. I signed up for Miss Albee's \_\_\_\_\_ . (earth science 201, Earth Science 201)
2. Susan is glad that she took an extra course in \_\_\_\_\_. (math, Math)
3. In \_\_\_\_\_, we are studying lyric poetry. (english, English)
4. The most popular elective course in our school is \_\_\_\_\_. (cooking, Cooking)
5. Dennis found that \_\_\_\_\_ was easier than he had thought. (algebra I, Algebra I)
6. Stuart's favorite class is \_\_\_\_\_. (french, French)
7. Jerry is taking a \_\_\_\_\_ class on Saturdays. (computer, Computer)
8. Even though Marguerite does not enjoy her \_\_\_\_\_ class, she does well in it. (social studies, Social Studies)
9. In Mr. Patrick's \_\_\_\_\_ class, we are studying Ibsen's A Doll's House. (introduction to drama, Introduction to Drama)
10. My \_\_\_\_\_ class enabled me to qualify for a good after-school job. (Typing II, typing II)