

Capitals for Proper Adjectives • Practice 2

Exercise 1

Using Capitals for Proper Adjectives. Complete each of the following sentences by supplying a proper adjective that is correctly capitalized.

EXAMPLE: Her most treasured possession was an antique Victorian sofa.

- Philip's dog, an Irish setter, won a prize.
- The London buses run twenty-four hours a day.
- This Sunday we will have a New Year's Eve party.
- I asked you to buy Trubright dish detergent.
- The American car proved to be the best buy.
- Saul's parrot nibbled on the Tastybite cracker.
- The librarian located a translation of the French novel.
- It is easier to write with a Writeline pen.
- The Wallis family attended a reunion in Maryland.
- Minnesota winters are usually long and cold.
- I wish we had bought Swiss cheese instead of this tasteless stuff.
- While we were in England, we tried to follow English customs.
- Don't you think Sally's British accent is charming?
- Maury prefers Red Cross cough drops over all others.
- Unable to use chopsticks, Carl used a fork in the Japanese restaurant.

Writing Application

Using Capitals for Proper Adjectives. Use each of the following words as a proper adjective in an original sentence. Be sure to capitalize the proper adjectives correctly.

EXAMPLE: italian

He returned with many stories about the friendliness of the Italian people.

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| 1. mexican | 3. roman | 5. california | 7. canadian | 9. african |
| 2. biblical | 4. juiceking | 6. danish | 8. new england | 10. japanese |
- He is fond of Mexican food.
 - That was a biblical Reference.
 - We saw a Roman temple.
 - Juiceking orange juice is delicious.
 - They visited California recently.
 - This Danish pastry is tasty.
 - The Canadian chips is nice.
 - Lobsters are caught off the New England coast.
 - This African mask is intricately made.
 - The Japanese language is hard to learn.

Social and Professional Titles Capitalize the title of a person when it is followed by a person's name or when it is used in direct address. Capitalize the titles of certain high government officials even when they are not followed by a person's name or used in direct address.

TITLES OF PEOPLE	
Before a Noun:	This class is taught by <i>Professor Johnson</i> .
Direct Address:	Pay attention, <i>Private Smith</i> .
	Pay attention, <i>Private</i> .
Titles Without a Person's Name:	The <i>President</i> is speaking tonight.

Family Titles Titles showing family relationships are capitalized when used with the person's name, in direct address, or when they refer to specific persons. A title after a possessive noun or pronoun is never capitalized.

FAMILY TITLES	
Before a Name:	We went to see <i>Uncle John</i> .
In Direct Address:	"Hello, <i>Grandpa</i> ," I said.
Referring to a Specific Person:	Is <i>Grandmother</i> ill?
After a Possessive Noun:	I met Bill's <i>aunt</i> .
After a Possessive Pronoun:	His <i>uncle</i> is seventy-five.

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Using Capitals for Social and Professional Titles. Underline each word that should be capitalized.

EXAMPLE: The surgeon was doctor Maria Carlson.

1. The king, Henry, stood in a hillside and watched the battle in the valley below.
2. Please, sergeant, give me your help.
3. In 1862, admiral Farragut won an important victory at New Orleans.
4. Our embassy in London was run by ambassador Kennedy.
5. Has mayor Glasser decided to seek reelection?
6. The president will not run again.
7. Excuse me, mrs. Henderson, you look very tired.
8. Have you met superintendent Ritter?
9. The sermon was delivered by reverend Peterson.
10. captain Wolfe and colonel Carlton met for dinner.

Exercise 2

Using Capitals for Family Titles. If the family title in each sentence is correctly capitalized, put a C in the blank at the right. If the title is incorrectly capitalized, write the title correctly in the blank.

EXAMPLE: I visited Uncle Fred on his farm. C .

1. This year, mom became thirty-five. Mom
2. Carol's aunt is head of our Girl Scout troop. C
3. I told dad you would be late. Dad
4. My sister is going steady with Mike Williams. C
5. We saw aunt Jean on television last night. Aunt