

Capitalization Rules

Rule #1: Capitalize names of people and things.

- Example: *George Washington; Canada; Dr. Pepper; the Rocky Mountains; World War II; Gulf of Mexico*

Rule #2: Capitalize important words in titles of books, movies, etc.

- Example: *A Tale of Two Cities; Revenge of the Teenage Vixens from Outer Space*

Rule #3: Capitalize the first letter of a sentence or quote.

- Example: *My mother said, "Your father will be home shortly."*

Rule #4: Capitalize names that indicate family relationship when used with the person's name or alone as the name you call that person.

- Example: *Aunt Karen; Mom; Grandmother; Dad*

Rule #5: Capitalize a title that precedes a name or alone as the name you call that person.

- Example: *Governor Smith; Mister; Doctor Brown*

Rule #6: Capitalize countries, nationalities, and languages.

- Example: *England, English, American; Spain, Spanish*

***Examples of words that are not capitalized:**

Seasons: **winter, spring, summer, autumn**

General studies or subjects: **history, art, science**, etc. (except specific studies, subjects, or languages: Latin, Algebra II)