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Lesson 2. Capitalization

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apitalize.	
1. the first word of a sentence	Tortoises live on land, not in water. Alex asked, "Why are you crying?"
2. the first word of a direct quotation	Alex asked, "Why are you crying?"
proper nouns names or nicknames	Samuel likes to be called Sam.
• a relationship when it substitutes for a person's name	M other and F ather like to scuba dive.
• initials	Robert Jame's mom calls him R. J.
• people's titles and their abbreviations	My doctor's name is D octor Raymond. My doctor's name is D r. Raymond.
• names of streets, roads, avenues, etc	Sonya lives on G reen S treet and M esa A venue.
• names of places, cities, and states	Panteria Park is in Atlanta, Georgia.
names of groups	Mike Jones is a B oy S cout leader.
• days of the week, months of the year, and holidays	My party will be on Friday, December 14. We will have a picnic on Memorial Day.
• the names of planets and stars	The largest planet in our solar system is Jupiter. There really is a star called Hercules.

	 titles of books, movies (DVDs), music (CDs), and magazines. first and last words of titles words with four letters or more all verbs 	Little Women is a good book for girls. Have you ever read the book A Tale of Two Cities? The New York Times has a variety of stories.
	• countries, languages, and nationalities.	Most people in I taly speak E nglish and I talian. My friends in A ustralia are A boriginal.
	• geographical terms immediately following the names.	The Erie Canal was built in the 1800s. The Grand Canyon is deep and very, very wide. The Portage Glacier is located on the Kenai Peninsula.
4.	the pronoun I	Seth and ${f I}$ are eating pizza in the park.
5.	the first word in the greeting and closing in a letter or e-mail	Dear Aunt Suzie, Your new friend, Jason
6.	compass points when they represent specific regions.	You will find fields of barley in the M idwest. Canada is located in the N orthern H emisphere.

Lesson 2. Capitalization (continued)

Capitalize:

7. acronyms (a word formed from the first letters of a series of words)

first letters of a series of words). Everybody knows what LOL

(laugh out loud) means.

FANBOYS (Correlating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)

FAQ (frequently asked questions) are on most websites.

8. federal or state when used as part of an official agency name or in government documents in which these terms represent an official name.

If they are being used as general terms, lowercase letters are used.

The **S**tate Board of Education helps create learning standards. The **F**ederal Bureau of Investigation looks at crime scenes.

Some crimes are \mathbf{f} ederal offenses in America.

Everyone in the United States lives in a state.

Read the passage and correct the capitalization errors. There are no errors in the picture or caption.

5. A Great Book!

Have you ever read the book *Last of the mohicans*? The author is James fenimore Cooper and it was first published in 1826. The story takes place in 1757, during the french and Indian War when france and Great Britain battled for control of the North American colonies. During this war, the French called on allied native American tribes to fight against the more numerous British colonists in this region. The book talks mainly about how chingachgook is the last of the Mohicans. Chingachgook and his two sons battle with the Huran Indians trying to save colonel Munro's two daughters. The iroquois and Delaware Indians were also involved in the battles. There is also a movie called *Last of the Mohicans*.

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This book is a historical novel which is set during the French and Indian War in 1757.

Optional:	Rewrite the passage without errors.