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Lesson 2. Capitalization

Capitalize:

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?”

3. proper nouns
   - names or nicknames................................. Samuel likes to be called Sam.
   - a relationship when it substitutes for a person’s name............................... Mother and Father like to scuba dive.
   - initials.............................................. Robert Jame’s mom calls him R. J.
   - people’s titles and their abbreviations................................................................. My doctor’s name is Doctor Raymond. My doctor’s name is Dr. Raymond.
   - names of streets, roads, avenues, etc................................................................. Sonya lives on Green Street and Mesa Avenue.
   - names of places, cities, and states............................................................................. Panteria Park is in Atlanta, Georgia.
   - names of groups........................................ Mike Jones is a Boy Scout 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. .................. Little Women is a good book for girls.
  ◦ first and last words of titles
  ◦ words with four letters or more
  ◦ all verbs
    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 Italy speak English
  and Italian.
  My friends in Australia are Aboriginal.

• 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 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
  Midwest.
  Canada is located in the Northern
  Hemisphere.
Lesson 2. Capitalization (continued)

Capitalize:

7. acronyms (a word formed from the 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 **State Board of Education** helps create learning standards. The **Federal Bureau of Investigation** looks at crime scenes. Some crimes are **federal** 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*.

Optional: Rewrite the passage without errors.