

NOUNS (part 2) - CAPITALIZATION, TITLES, COMMAS - REVIEW

Know these thirteen rules of CAPITALIZING NOUNS:

- Capitalize family relationships ONLY when the term is used as a name:
*I saw **Mother** and **Aunt Susan** today.* no caps - *I saw my mother and my aunt today.*
- Capitalize people's titles ONLY when they are used with the person's name:
*Do you know **Mayor Brumby**?* no caps - *I do not know the mayor.*
- Capitalize people's names, nationalities, ethnic groups, languages, and proper adjectives made from proper names:
***Carl** and **Ingrid** took a cruise on a **Norwegian** cruise ship.*
- Capitalize specific names of geographic locations (cities, streets, states, countries, etc):
***Huck Finn** fished in the **Mississippi River**.* no caps - *He fished in the river.*
- Capitalize names of specific places and institutions (businesses, schools, buildings, parks, etc.)
*Jon graduated from **South Miami High School**.* no caps - *Jerry never finished high school.*
- Capitalize direction words ONLY when they are referring to an area of the country and not a direction.
*I grew up in the **Midwest** and then the **South**.* no caps - *I moved farther south after high school.*
- Capitalize the names of specific businesses and name brands.
*Gary has worked at **Ryder** for ten years and loves drinking **Pepsi**.*
- Capitalize the names of specific organizations and agencies.
*Donna was a special agent for the **Internal Revenue Service**. George Washington was a **Mason**.*
- Capitalize the names of religions, religious books, and deities.
*The **Bible** tells about **God**.* no caps - *Ancient people worshiped many gods.*
- Capitalize the names of specific historical events, times, and documents.
*America's founding fathers signed the **Declaration of Independence**, which began the **Revolutionary War**.*
- Capitalize days of the week, months of the year, and holidays. Do Not capitalize the seasons.
*I love it when **Halloween** falls on a **Friday** night.* no caps - *It is my favorite fall holiday.*
- Capitalize the titles of literary works. Do not capitalize the smaller, insignificant words in the title unless they are the first word. [titles of long works that are more than a page or two are also underlined or put in italics]
*I read the article "**Proud to Be**" in the *Miami Herald*.* no caps - *The other newspaper did not carry the article.*
- Capitalize the names of specific courses as they would appear in the course catalogue. Do not capitalize the names of general subjects unless they are a language, which are always capitalized.
*I took **History 1101** and **English** last term.* no caps - *I did not like my history class.*

TITLES

Underline the titles of literary works that are more than a few pages: books, newspapers, magazines, TV shows, movies, plays

The Great Escape, Survivor, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Miami Herald, Sports Illustrated, Rent

Put quotation marks around titles of works that are short or only a few pages: short stories, articles, songs, poems, chapters

"The Red Pony," "How to be a Millionaire," "Imagine," "Nouns"

COMMA RULES

Use commas to separate nouns in a series of three or more:

*Last fall, I took **Psychology 1101**, **English**, and an algebra course.*

Use a comma between the name of a city, the state (or country) and after the state to separate it from the rest of the sentence:

*The Florida Marlins train in **Jupiter**, **Florida**, before regular season begins.*

Place capital letters over the words that should be capitalized. Put a C next to any that are correct.

1. Harry loves the show american idol but hates the summer reruns..
2. I told my brother that uncle bryan will visit our other uncle this winter.
3. I graduated from miami-dade college in 2003 and then got a job working at dadeland.
4. The catholic priest was reading to his congregation from the book of matthew.
5. I listened to the speech given by prime minister blair who talked about the british economy.
6. I went to the math lab to get help with my trigonometry course.
7. We learned in history 2301 that the civil war lasted from 1861 to 1865.
8. Celebrities love to shop on rodeo drive in beverly hills.
9. Someday I would love to take a trip to the rocky mountains and go skiing in breckinridge, colorado.
10. Of all the seasons, fall is my favorite.
11. My little sister's favorite ride is the king kong ride at universal.
12. Mrs. mcnamara is from scotland but has also lived in germany and switzerland.
13. The cherokee tribe of american indians has a very long and interesting history.
14. My son has an appointment to see doctor smith at the end of september.

Designate the titles in the following sentences by either underlining them or putting quotation marks around them, whichever is appropriate.

15. The TV mini series Into the West was about the Old West during the 1800's.
16. I am reading the chapter The Cupboard Under the Stairs in the book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.
17. I saw the movie The Island this weekend.
18. Brenda hopes the Rolling Stones will sing their song Satisfaction while on their new tour.
19. We had to read the poem Hiawatha in our history class.

Put commas in the following sentences.

20. Every summer we travel to Boone North Carolina and Atlanta Georgia to visit friends.
21. Josh has a large collection of videos CDs MP3s and computer games.
22. Dana studied in Mexico City Mexico for one semester.
23. Ingrid was born in Munich Germany and lived for awhile in Vienna Austria.
24. For your architecture class, you will need a supply of pencils drawing paper rulers and erasers.
25. Was she born in Memphis Charlotte or New Orleans?