

# Rules for Capital Letters

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## To start the first word of every sentence.

Can I have an appointment to see Dr Sawbones next Tuesday, please?

## The personal pronoun 'I'.

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## Proper nouns and proper adjectives

**A name or a title** that refers specifically to an individual person, place, institution, or event. **John Lennon, King Charles III, The House of Commons, The Hastings Marathon.**

**House Names, Streets, Towns, Cities, Countries** (also postcodes).

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**The days of the week, months of the year, public holidays.**

Monday, May, May Day.

**Companies, brand names.** Amazon, Nescafe, Nescafe.

**Nationalities, regions and languages**

The Danish people, Britons, Scandinavians.

Danish, Gaelic, English.

**The names of festivals, holy days and religious terms.**

Diwali, Christmas Day, Catholicism, Easter.

**Names of distinctive historical periods.** Middle Ages, the Iron Age

## Abbreviations and acronyms.

**ASAP** (as soon as possible). **Dr** (doctor), **NATO** (North American Treaty Organisation), **NHS** (National Health Service).

## The title of a book, poem, film, magazine, newspaper, piece of music.

Capitalise the first word and all significant words.

The Lord of the Rings, Pride and Prejudice, The Guardian.

## The first word of direct speech or quotations.

He said, "Please call Dr Sawbones immediately."

**Interjections.** E.g., Oh! What terrible weather. Wow! I love your hat.

Nouns/adjectives that are not proper nouns/adjectives are called common nouns/adjectives.

Do not capitalise these unless they are part of a title or name. This includes compass points and seasons of the year.

Drive north on the M1. We go walking in North Yorkshire. I'll visit her next summer.

Relationship names are only capitalised when they are used in place of a person's name.

"Her mum is amazing" but "I wonder what Mum wants for her birthday".