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| To start the first word of every sentence. | Can I have an appointment to see Dr Sawbones, please? | The bus is late. |
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| The personal pronoun 'l'. | Can I have an appointment to see Dr Sawbones, please? | |
| Proper nouns and proper adjectives | The days of the week, months of the year, public holidays. Monday, May, May Day. TIP Compass points and seasons of the year are common nouns. Do not capitalise them unless they are part of a title or name. Drive north on the M1. I'll visit her next summer. We go walking in North Yorkshire. | Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday JANUARY JULY JULY AUGUST MARCH SEPTEMBER MAY NOVEMBER JUNE DECEMBER |
| | 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, Cheddar cheese, Brussels sprouts. TIP Only capitalise relationship names that are used in place of a person's name. "Her mum is amazing" but "What does Mum want for Christmas?". | |
| * Nouns / adjectives that are not proper nouns or proper adjectives are called common nouns / adjectives. Do not capitalise them unless they are part of a name or title. | Title of a book, poem, film, newspaper, piece of music. Capitalise the first word and all significant words. The Lord of the Rings, Pride and Prejudice, The Guardian, Guardians of the Galaxy. | Guardians of the Galaxy 3 subtitled |
| | Companies, brand names. Amazon, Nescafe, Coca-Cola. | Coca:Cola |

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| Proper nouns | Nationalities, regions and languages. | Start learning |
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| and proper | The Danish people; the British way of life. | Scottish Gaelic! |
| adjectives | The Danes, Britons and Scandinavians | |
| (continued) | She speaks Gaelic, English and French. | |
| | I love Cornish pasties and Danish pastries. | |
| | House Names, Streets, Towns, Cities, Countries and postcodes Flat 1, London Road, Hastings. United Kingdom. TN94 1BZ | Miss S Pollard 1 Chapei HII Heswall B OURNEMOUTH BH1 1AA |
| | The names of festivals, holy days and religious terms. Diwali, Christmas Day, Catholicism, Easter. | Diuvali |
| | The names of distinctive historical periods. The Middle Ages, the Iron Age. | The Middle Ages |
| Abbreviations and acronyms. | ASAP (as soon as possible). Dr (doctor), NATO (North American Treaty Organisation), NHS (National Health Service). | NHS |
| The first word of direct speech or quotations. | He said, "Please call Dr Sawbones immediately." | 66 99 |
| Interjections | Oh! What terrible weather. Wow! I love your hat. | Oh! |

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