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Capitalization of Proper Nouns, Proper Adjectives, and I

Capitalize a **proper noun**. A proper noun names a particular person, place, thing, or idea. If a proper noun is more than one word, do not capitalize unimportant words such as *of* or *the*.

Examples:

Ann Richards

Burnet Middle School

Gulf of Mexico

Capitalize a **proper adjective**. A proper adjective is formed from a proper noun. Many proper adjectives describe nationality or location.

Examples:

African traditions

Republican party

Scottish music

Capitalize **abbreviations** of proper nouns and proper adjectives, and end most abbreviations with a period.

Examples:

Dr. Laura Flawn

TX

Ms.

Capitalize the pronoun *I*.

Example:

Sammy and *I* are eating a salad.



Circle each letter that should be capitalized. Write the capital letter above it. Draw a line through each capital letter that should be lowercase. Write the lowercase letter above it.

1. A Multinational team of Explorers is leaving for the north pole some tuesday in the spring.
2. My Friend captain wilkins will begin his voyage to the arctic circle with the other Explorers on a special Ship.
3. Before the Ship leaves, senator Reyna will read a proclamation from the united nations in english, russian, french, and chinese.
4. As the Ship passes under the golden gate bridge, i will wave Good-bye to my Friend Dan.
5. Once they leave the Ship, the Explorers will travel North using Dogsleds made in canada.
6. In our school, mr. ming's class will follow the expedition.
7. The greek parthenon in athens had a great effect on later Architectural styles.
8. Early roman Architects borrowed heavily from the greeks.
9. The romans also borrowed from the etruscans and the asians, who built Semicircular arches and vaults.



Write either the proper adjective (adj.) or the abbreviation (abbr.) for each word.

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| 10. Greece (adj.) _____ | 13. Alaska (abbr.) _____ |
| 11. Senator (abbr.) _____ | 14. Italy (adj.) _____ |
| 12. South America (adj.) _____ | 15. Canada (adj.) _____ |

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Answer Key

Capitalize or lowercase the first letter of each of the following words.

1. multinational, explorers, North Pole, Tuesday
2. friend, Captain Wilkins, Arctic Circle, explorers, ship
3. ship, Senator, United Nations, English, Russian, French, Chinese
4. ship, Golden Gate Bridge, I, good-bye, friend
5. ship, explorers, north, dogsleds, Canada
6. Mr., Ming's
7. Greek Parthenon, Athens, architectural
8. Roman, architects, Greeks
9. Romans, Etruscans, Asians, semicircular
10. Grecian
11. Sen.
12. South American
13. AK
14. Italian
15. Canadian

