

LANGUAGE HANDBOOK **12** CAPITAL LETTERS

**WORKSHEET 3** Capitalizing Proper Nouns (Rule 12 d)

**EXERCISE A** Add capital letters where necessary in the following sentences by drawing a line through each incorrect lowercase letter and writing the correct capital letter above it. If a sentence is already correct, write *C* on the line provided.

EXAMPLE \_\_\_\_\_ 1. My friend <sup>B</sup> ~~bet~~ <sup>U</sup> ~~ty~~ ~~u~~ ~~nder~~ ~~w~~ ~~oo~~ ~~d~~ has traveled all  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Although she now lives in the east, she liked living in california best.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Her family lived in chicago, new york, st. louis, and san francisco.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The underwoods have tried to learn about each area where they have lived.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Because they like the water, they always try to find a house near a lake, river, or shoreline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Now they live in a suburb north of boston called wayland and swim in lake cochichuate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When the underwoods lived in san francisco, their house was only a block from san francisco bay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Betty loved to cross the golden gate bridge and ride the cable cars on california street.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Her sister, alicia, attended classes at the university of california at berkeley.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. There she studied world religions like buddhism and islam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Followers of islam are called muslims.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. When the family moved to st. louis, they had trouble finding a home near the water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The mississippi river is too muddy to swim in, and its current is very swift.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. In chicago, the family lived in wilmette at 187 tenth avenue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. They often saw the chicago cubs play at wrigley field.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The baseball field is at 1060 west addison boulevard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. After she graduates from high school, Betty would like to attend the university of chicago, which is in hyde park.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. She wants to study the art of ancient greece.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. After Betty finishes college, she wants to travel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. She wants to live in paris and study at the university of paris.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Betty would visit the louvre and study the paintings of monet and cassatt.

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**EXERCISE B** Circle the letters that should be capitalized in the following sentences.

EXAMPLE 1. Duke University is in Durham, North Carolina.

1. Have you ever been to southern california?
2. Isn't gary, indiana, near chicago?
3. Daniel was awarded a purple heart for bravery in the vietnam war.
4. My mother recently read a biography of the anthropologist margaret mead.
5. Hudson bay is very far north, beyond lake superior.
6. My mother met my father on the ferry to cape charles, virginia.
7. The north wind is quite cold in calgary, alberta.
8. Most of the religions in the world are based on belief in god, the supreme being.
9. Let's go swimming in chippewa lake.
10. Charles lindbergh was the first person to fly solo across the atlantic ocean.
11. I will start my job with the c. o. miller company next monday.
12. We are studying the art of the italian renaissance.
13. Classes at wade junior high school start on the thursday after labor day.
14. The National science fair takes place right after spring vacation.
15. I enjoyed the michigan state fair, which opened last saturday.
16. Veterans day was originally called armistice day, in commemoration of the end of world war I on november 11, 1918.
17. We visited the united states senate, the house of representatives, and the treasury building during our student tour of washington, D.C.
18. They attended martin luther king, jr., high school in akron, ohio.
19. The moon lamp Company has a mailing address at grand central station.
20. During the fall and winter there are several holidays, such as thanksgiving, christmas, and New year's day.
21. Patrick and colleen murphy make a wonderful irish stew of mutton and vegetables.
22. Our neighbor james dowden plans to take a long vacation to australia, new zealand, and hong kong.
23. In 1998 and 1999, NASA launched six separate spacecraft in six months, including *deep space 1* and *mars polar lander*.
24. This summer my family and the johnson family are driving to the petrified forest national park in arizona.
25. Mount whitney is the highest peak in the sierra nevada in eastern california.

**WORKSHEET 4**

**Capitalizing Proper Adjectives and School Subjects  
(Rules 12 e, f)**

**EXERCISE A** Circle the letters that should be capitalized in the following sentences.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Some people think jazz is the only original american music.

1. Most jazz rhythms come from african music.
2. Great jazz can be heard in many louisiana cities.
3. The original jazz bands were the bourbon street groups, which marched in funerals in New Orleans.
4. Two famous african american jazz performers were Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington.
5. West indian music, such as the caribbean calypso, is a mixture of african and spanish influences.
6. The jamaican steel bands produce a unique sound.
7. Some jamaican musicians play fantastic music on instruments made from old oil drums and other scrap materials.
8. In Puerto Rico, one needs to know the spanish language to enjoy oneself fully.
9. Puerto Ricans have always been very proud of their latin american heritage.
10. Most tourists come back from Puerto Rico eager to learn caribbean dances.

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**EXAMPLE** \_\_\_\_\_ 1. My grandmother purchased a <sup>C</sup>~~ch~~inese painting.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. That row of houses is an excellent example of georgian architecture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Will astronomy be covered in science I?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. My father collects danish glassware.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. We had some french toast for breakfast.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The radio announcer spoke with an english accent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. You can still see moorish designs in some cities in Spain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The modern helicopter was first flown by a russian american scientist.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. This is not a typical new england village.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Because it was a special dinner, we served indian food.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I'm very interested in middle eastern history.

