

Schoolhouse Grammar: Third Grade

Lesson 1: Capitalization – Titles of Books, Stories, Poems, and Songs

Rule 1: Capitalize the first word, the last word, and every important word in the title of books, stories, poems, and songs.

Examples:

Matthew (book)

"The Ugly Duckling" (story)

"At the Seaside" (poem)

"In Christ Alone" (song)

Exercise 1

Circle the letters that should be capitalized in each title.

1. charlotte's web
2. gulliver's travels
3. little men
4. the old rugged cross
5. buttercups and daises
6. luke
7. by the seashore
8. gentle jesus, meek and mild
9. hebrews

Exercise 2

Write the title of your favorite book. Make sure to capitalize the correct words.

Note: Book titles should also be written in *italics* when possible.

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Lesson 2: Capitalization – Titles of Respect

Rule 2: Capitalize titles of respect.

Examples:

Dr. Fields
Rev. White

Mrs. Carpenter
Miss Whitney

Mr. Barnhart

Exercise 1

Circle the words that are capitalized incorrectly.

1. miss Charlene Davis went to the store.
2. Did you hear the message that rev. Thompson gave?
3. mr. and mrs. Saunders are so kind.
4. dr. Irwin tells funny stories.
5. In the fall, mrs. Williams will be my new teacher.

Exercise 2

Rewrite the following sentences correctly.

1. We called mrs. Jones.

2. My mom went to dr. Sam's office.

3. I saw miss Evans.

4. I heard rev. Tom.

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Lesson 3: Capitalization – Initials and Proper Nouns

Rule 3: Capitalize initials. Initials are the first letter of a name. A period goes after each initial.

Examples: Fanny J. Crosby J. P. Morgan John R. Smith

Exercise 1

Circle the letters that should be capitalized.

1. d. j. Smith is a wise man.
2. Sally j. Smith is a nurse.
3. a. j. Gibbons always smiles.

Rule 4: Capitalize the name of a specific person, place, or thing.

Examples: Shelly Ross (specific person) George Washington (specific person)
Columbia River (specific river) Hudson Park (specific park)

Exercise 2

Circle the correctly capitalized proper nouns.

1. Yogi Bear Smokey the bear
2. Alabama mississippi
3. King david King Solomon
4. Mars jupiter

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Lesson 4: Capitalization – References to God and the Bible

Rule 5: Capitalize words that refer to God and the Bible.

Examples: God Jesus Genesis Word of God

Exercise

The following words make reference to God and the Bible. Circle the correct answers.

1. Genesis genesis
2. jehovah Jehovah
3. scripture Scripture
4. Jonah jonah
5. Yahweh yahweh
6. numbers Numbers
7. acts Acts
8. Romans romans
9. jesus Jesus
10. Christ christ
11. Revelation revelation
12. james James
13. Song of solomon Song of Solomon
14. Bible bible
15. lord Lord

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Lesson 5: Capitalization – Holidays

Rule 6: Capitalize important holidays and special days.

Examples: Thanksgiving Christmas Independence Day Flag Day

Exercise 1

Rewrite the holidays below with the correct capitalization.

1. easter _____
2. labor day _____
3. christmas _____

Exercise 2: Review

Circle the words that should be capitalized.

1. The bible is inspired by God.
2. The first book in the bible is genesis.
3. The last book in the bible is revelation.
4. rev. Johnson preached a great sermon.

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Lesson 6: Capitalization – Days and Months

Rule 7: Capitalize the days of the week and the months of the year. Do not capitalize the seasons.

Examples:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January	February	March	April	May
spring	fall	autumn	summer	winter

Exercise 1

Circle the words that should be capitalized. Underline the words that should not be capitalized.

1. Our family has three birthdays in the month of september.
2. We do school every month of the year except for december.
3. My favorite season is Fall.
4. I like Summer because I can go swimming outside.
5. Alyssa and Rachel played in the pool on friday.

Exercise 2: Review

Rewrite the holidays below with the correct capitalization.

1. thanksgiving _____
2. mother's day _____
3. father's day _____
4. flag day _____
5. christmas _____