

Topic: Capitalization

Definition: The action of writing or printing in capital letters.

Explanation: Capitalization means using capital, or upper case, letters. Capitalization is required in specific circumstances:

Examples

- The first word in a sentence
 - Ex. *The* dog is thirsty.

- The pronoun “I”
 - Ex. My day off was ruined when *I* had to clean my house.

- Proper nouns: the names of specific people, places, and organizations.
 - Ex. My best friend, *Sally*, is a generous person.

- Family relationships when used as proper nouns
 - Ex. My *Mom* is very smart.

- Days of the week, month, and holidays
 - Ex. This year *Christmas* falls on a *Saturday*.

- Members of national, political, racial, social, civic, and athletic groups
 - Ex. The *New York Yankees* are a talented baseball team.

- Periods and events
 - Ex. The *Roaring Twenties* was a decade of prosperity and joy.

- Trademarks
 - Ex. *Coca-Cola* is a popular drink.