

Capital Letter Notes

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I. Proper Nouns

--(NOTE: A common noun is the name of a person, place, thing, or idea, while a PROPER NOUN is the name of a particular person, place, or thing.)

--Capitalize all proper nouns, their abbreviations, initials, and acronyms.

A. Names of persons and animals

1. Leah Scheible, Peanut

B. Geographic names – location names

1. Streets, highways
 - a. Martin Road, Interstate 75
2. Cities, states
 - a. Warren, Michigan
3. Countries
 - a. United States of America, South Korea
4. Continents
 - a. North America, Asia
5. World regions
 - a. Western Hemisphere, Caribbean Islands
6. Islands
 - a. Manhattan, Vancouver, Nassau
7. Mountains
 - a. Rocky Mountains, Pike's Peak
8. Forests and parks
 - a. Hiawatha National Forest, Mayberry State Park
9. Bodies of water
 - a. Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, Atlantic Ocean
10. Section of the country (NOT cardinal directions)
 - a. Southwest, the South, New England

C. Shortened Forms of Names

1. Abbreviation
 - a. Maple Street – Maple St., Saint Clair Shores = St. Clair Shores
2. Initial
 - a. Thomas Stearns Eliot = T.S. Eliot
3. Acronym
 - a. Central intelligence Agency = CIA