

## Capitalization Rules

1. **The first word of any sentence.**  
 My father is a teacher.  
 Is the coffee ready?  
 This is a beautiful day.
  
2. **After any period . after any question mark ? and after any exclamation mark !.**  
 It was cold. We turned on the heat.  
 I don't know. Where is she?  
 They won! This is great!
  
3. **Always the word I when it means you.** I want a new car. I have to save more money.
  
4. **Names of any person.** I haven't met Carlos. But I know Cynthia.
  
5. **The title of any name.**  
 He is Mr. Simpson. She is Mrs. Simpson.  
 You need to see Dr. Brown.  
 I'd like to talk with Ms. Sara.  
 We're watching President Obama on TV.  
 I studied with Professor Bishop.  
 I have a picture of Queen Elizabeth.
  
6. **Names of countries and nationalities.** I love Mexico. I know many Mexicans.  
 Have you been to Ethiopia? Ethiopians are very kind.  
 I've never been to a German restaurant  
 I met many Japanese when I was in China.  
 In Spain, we saw a bullfight.
  
7. **Names of languages.**  
 He speaks Spanish, English and French.  
 Are you taking classes in Chinese?  
 Russian is spoken by many people here.  
 We need more soldiers that can speak Arabic.
  
8. **Names of religions.**  
 I am Catholic, but my wife is Buddhist.  
 He goes to a Christian church.  
 Some Jews do not eat pork.  
 Many Muslims live in Pakistan.
  
9. **Names of ethnic groups.**  
 Rice is common in Asian diets.  
 Hispanics are half the population of California.  
 African Americans invented a music called jazz.  
 The Navaho live in desert lands.
  
10. **Specific places on a map.**  
 I go to school on Washington Boulevard.  
 Central America has a lot of rain in the summer.  
 The Golden Gate Bridge is in San Francisco.  
 We would like to visit the White House.  
 We took a boat across the Atlantic Ocean.  
 Let's go to the Disney Music Hall.

## Capitalization Practice 1

Change small letters to capital letters if necessary.

my name is raul. i am from a small town in mexico. it is close to the city of oaxaca. 6  
my father's name is pepe and my mother's name is sonia. my dad was a farmer. he grew corn. 5  
we are a catholic family. we went to church every week. our church's leader was father ruiz. 6  
my first language was zapoteco. later, i learned spanish at school. now i am learning english. 8  
first, my brother jose came to los angeles. then i came. jose got me a job at an italian restaurant. 8  
my boss is mr. luz. he is not from italy. he is actually from brazil. he speaks to me in portuguese. 9  
but i understand him. i worked as a dishwasher for two years. it was difficult work. but now i 6  
am a prep cook. mr. luz gave me a raise after my first six months. now i can send money to my 4  
my brothers in mexico. one day i'd like to be a chef. 3

i am young park. i am from seoul, korea. people call me dr. park because i am an 10  
acupuncturist. in 1995, i came to live here in the united states. i was so busy that i didn't 6  
have time to learn english. my family lives in koreatown, so it has been easy for me not to 3  
learn english. i took classes for a month or two at a school on wilshire and berendo. the funny 5  
thing is that i have learned more spanish than english living in this city. my family is buddhist. 5  
i have many clients from all over the world. some are russian, some are mexican, salvadoran, 5  
brazilian, chinese, american, japanese, and vietnamese. my dream is to travel to france one day. 7  
i like french food and i like french movies. i think paris is one of the most beautiful cities. but 7  
for now i enjoy playing golf at griffith park and going to the beaches in santa monica and venice. 6

you can call me abba. i am from addis abba. that is the capitol of ethiopia. i live close to 8  
fairfax boulevard. there i can find supermarkets with ethiopian food and see many friends. i 6  
work at lax. i drive down la cienega to la tijera to get to work. i have to stand for eight hours. 9  
my job is a little boring. i want to speak better english so that i can be a nurse. right now i am 6  
fasting. that means i'm not eating any meat, eggs, milk, coffee or sugar. i am orthodox which 3  
is the major religion of my country. i am very proud of my daughter. she went to l.a. high when 5  
we first came here. she studied very hard and won a scholarship to ucla. she still lives with me 6  
but she is looking for an apartment in westwood. why does she want to pay rent when she can 2  
live with me? does she really want to do all the cooking? she wants to do many american things. 3  
she goes to clubs in hollywood on sunset boulevard. she tells me she saw julia roberts and 7  
governor arnold schwarzenegger. i just want her to study hard so she can be a doctor or lawyer. 4