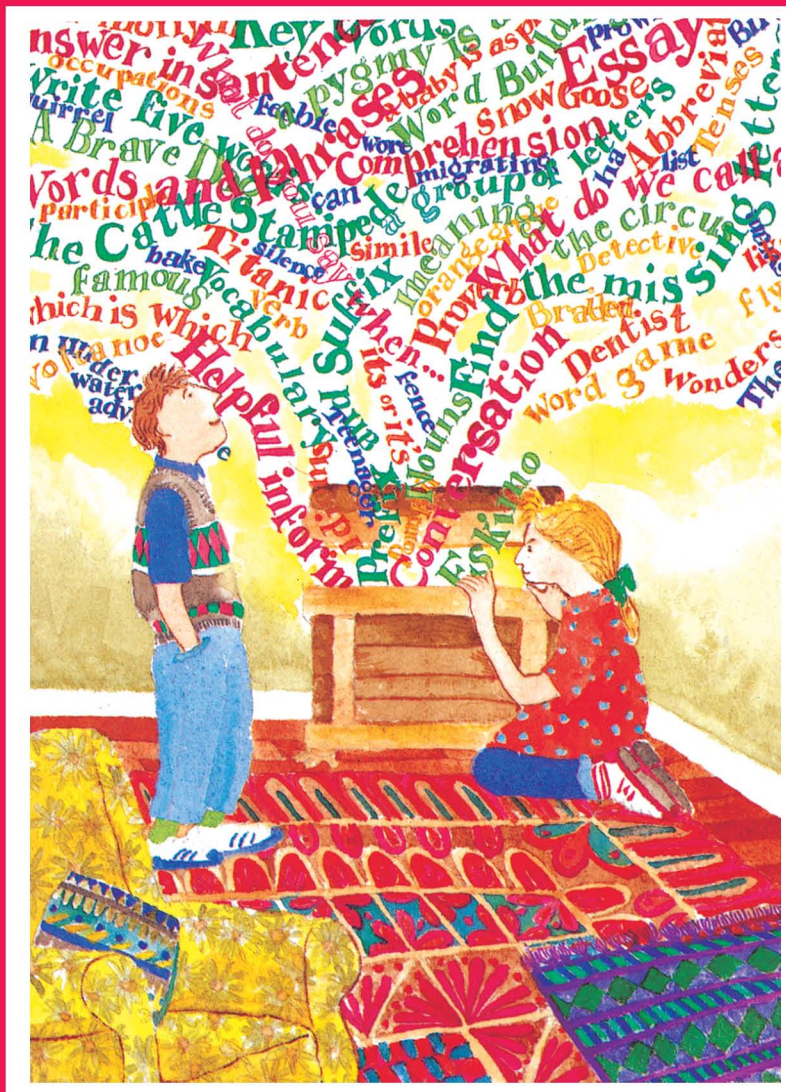


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Capital letters

Capital letters begin the names of weekdays, months, festival days, places and people.

A) Insert the capital letters where needed.

1. Next sunday is easter sunday.
2. Uncle james gave me a present last tuesday.
3. My brother went to rome last wednesday to see the pope.
4. I saw the president of france while in paris.
5. Last june I visited my aunt shona.
6. He travelled to spain on new year's eve.
7. Mr murphy is the lord mayor of our town.
8. Uncle richard's birthday is in may.
9. The sixth month of the year is _____.
10. _____ is the last month of the year.
11. _____ is the shortest month of the year.



Capital letters begin:

- i) The names of places – Spain.
- ii) Words derived from the names of places – Spanish.
- iii) A person's nationality – Spaniard.

B) Complete the following sentences using capital letters.

1. Perhaps he is an _____ as his father lives in Italy.
2. She is a Parisienne. She comes from _____ and speaks _____.
3. I am an Athenian. I am from _____.
4. My friend is from Spain. He is a _____.
5. Maybe he is from _____ as he speaks Portuguese.
6. _____ cheese is manufactured in Denmark.
7. They are Venetians. They come from _____.
8. The Pope travelled to France and met the _____ president.
9. I am a _____. My home is in Sweden. I speak _____.
10. The _____ live in Finland and speak _____.



C) Insert the capital letters where needed.

1. i am going to the cinema with george.
2. lille is an industrial city in northern france.
3. mrs flood went to london and bought a dress in harrods.
4. the bbc light orchestra provided the music at the national concert hall.
5. the president of america lives in the white house.
6. the first of april is called 'april fools' day.
7. mary is my cousin and she lives in scotland.
8. every tuesday in june she visits her aunt maureen.
9. the english team should win on saturday.

Interesting sentences

A) Complete the following sentences.

1. Yesterday _____ because it was raining.
2. Last night _____ until it was midnight.
3. Today _____ since it is very fine.
4. Last week _____ as it was a holiday.
5. Tomorrow night _____ if I have any money.
6. A fortnight ago _____ at the seaside.
7. Last month _____ and I enjoyed myself.
8. Tomorrow morning _____ because I am going away.
9. A week ago _____ when you were away.
10. Yesterday afternoon _____ as I was feeling ill.

B) Write the three words in an interesting sentence of your own.

1. soldier, fought, bravely.
2. judge, listened, patiently.
3. sailor, slept, soundly.
4. pilot, decided, immediately.
5. mountaineer, fell, heavily.
6. air hostess, waited, anxiously.
7. swimmer, shouted, frantically.
8. thief, crept, silently.
9. typist, worked, diligently.
10. athlete, ran, quickly.



C) Places

(aviary, gallery, distillery, hold, nursery, zoo, surgery or operating theatre)

1. A ship's cargo is kept in a _____.
2. Operations are performed in a _____.
3. Young shrubs are grown in a _____.
4. Whisky is made in a _____.
5. Paintings are kept in a _____.
6. Wild animals are kept in a _____.
7. Birds are kept in an _____.



The Titanic

Containing eleven decks and stretching a full 305 metres, she was the greatest ocean liner of her time. This ship had been fitted out in true style, with plush cabins, electric lifts, squash courts, gymnasium and a heated indoor swimming pool. There was a hospital to cope with any passengers who became ill; and to cater for meals, she carried a dinner service of 100,000 plates. The owners, the shipbuilders, the captain – in fact, everyone – said the *Titanic* was unsinkable. Perhaps this was the reason why only enough lifeboats for half of the passengers were placed on board. Tickets for her maiden voyage were snapped up eagerly, and there were over 2,000 people on board when she set out from Southampton for New York on April 11th 1912.

Disaster was to strike after only four days at sea. With a captain and crew determined to break the record for an Atlantic crossing, the liner had been ploughing through calm, glass-like seas at a speed of 22 knots. She had entered an area known as the Grand Banks when radio reports from other ships were received, warning of icebergs. The warnings were ignored. The *Titanic* steamed ahead at full speed. It was almost midnight when Frederick Fleet, the look-out in the crow's nest, suddenly spotted an iceberg looming ahead in the darkness. But, his frantic warning cries were too late to prevent the collision. A huge hole was ripped into the side of the liner and the water poured in.

At first, the passengers treated the incident as a joke; yet, within ten minutes, the water had risen five metres inside the ship. Distress signals were sent out to the nearby liner, *California*, but her radio had unfortunately been switched off. Panic now spread, as the huge liner listed to one side and began to sink. By the time another liner, *Carpathia*, finally arrived to help, fifteen hundred people had drowned in the icy seas. The loss of the *Titanic* was one of the greatest catastrophes in the history of navigation.

A) Questions: Answer in sentences where possible.

1. What major safety error did the builders of the *Titanic* make?
2. Why was such a basic error allowed to occur?
3. Describe the *Titanic*.
4. What was the destination of her maiden voyage?
5. What blunder did the captain make?
6. Why did Frederick Fleet become alarmed?
7. Why did the *Californian* not come to help the stricken liner?
8. How many people drowned?
9. Pretend you are a newspaper reporter in 1912. Write a paragraph telling about the loss of the *Titanic*.
10. Find out the meaning of: plush, frantic, looming, incident, listed.
11. Write each of the above words in a sentence of your own.

Abbreviations

Sometimes words are not written in full. We often shorten or abbreviate them.

Examples: a) Captain John Fogarty Capt J Fogarty
 b) Doctor Nora Mary White Dr N M White
 c) Reverend Terence Connolly Rev T Connolly

Remember: Initials are written in capital letters.

A) Rewrite the following in abbreviated form. The first one is given.

Months	Abbreviations	Days	Abbreviations
January	Jan	Sunday	Sun
February	_____	Monday	_____
March	_____	Tuesday	_____
April	_____	Wednesday	_____
August	_____	Thursday	_____
September	_____	Friday	_____
October	_____	Saturday	_____
November	_____		
December	_____		

Note: The days and months of the year are written with capital letters. There are no abbreviations for May, June, July.

B) Rewrite the following sentences. Insert capital letters where necessary.

- Next week a lecture will be given by Prof m b Farley.
- Liz Smith and t Browne will present the new television show.
- Fr p h Green sat next to Mrs h Mooney.
- Dr m l Clarke visited Capt ray Byrne.
- Mr w s Fitzwilliam is our headmaster.
- Yesterday, mrs k O'Neill died at 6 a.m.
- My best friends are e McCarthy and j Murphy.
- Lt Collins and Sgt Lynch went on the climbing expedition.
- Next wed, Brown and co Ltd are going to open a new supermarket.
- Mrs b Stokes works near St john's Hospital.

CAPT
DR
Mrs
PROF
Tues
Mon
FRI
WED
E.E.C
G.P.O.

C) Write the following in abbreviated form.

- General Post Office.
- United Nations Organisation.
- European Union.
- United States of America.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Trans-World Airways.
- Confederation of Independent States.
- British Broadcasting Corporation.