

KS3 English Quiz - Capital Letters 01 (Questions)

Capital letters start sentences and follow full stops, exclamation and question marks. Long ago, texts were written without using capital letters to distinguish the beginnings of sentences. It could be difficult to tell where one sentence ended and another began. In modern-day English, one of the most important uses of capital letters is to show at a glance where each new sentence begins. When you write, you should always use a capital letter after a full stop, exclamation mark, or question mark ending a sentence. Sometimes when writing, you might be so fully engaged that the words are flowing without stop. If you look back over your writing and can't see many capital letters, that's usually a sign that you need to read your work to yourself to work out where each sentence should be punctuated. When you're writing dialogue, remember that when a sentence continues after the closing speech mark, you should not use a capital letter. For example, this would be correct: "Where is Trish?" she worried aloud.

Another use of capital letters is to provide emphasis or even to SURPRISE your reader with a SHOUT.

Test your knowledge in the first Capital Letters quiz.

1. Which one is correct?

- red sky means good weather it will be sunny tomorrow
- Red sky means good weather. it will be sunny tomorrow
- Red sky means good weather. it will be sunny tomorrow.
- Red sky means good weather. It will be sunny tomorrow.

2. Which one is correct?

- the door is freshly painted don't touch it
- the door is freshly painted Don't touch it.
- The door is freshly painted. don't touch it
- The door is freshly painted. Don't touch it.

3. Which one is correct?

- Which is the correct key for the door. Is it the silver one.
- which is the correct key for the door. Is it the silver one?
- Which is the correct key for the door? Is it the silver one?
- which is the correct key for the door? is it the silver one

4. Which one is correct?

- where is the blue book is it in the pile on the table?
- where is the blue book. is it in the pile on the table.
- Where is the blue book? Is it in the pile on the table?
- Where is the blue book? is it in the pile on the table?

5. Which one is correct?

- Hurry up you will be late for football practice
- hurry up you will be late for football practice.
- Hurry up! You will be late for football practice.
- Hurry up! you will be late for football practice.

6. Which one is correct?

- ouch I have a splinter in my hand
- Ouch I have a splinter in my hand.
- ouch! I have a splinter in my hand
- Ouch! I have a splinter in my hand.

7. Which one is correct?

- tom played the Piano well kate Forgot her music
- tom played the piano well kate forgot her music
- Tom played the piano well. Kate forgot her music.
- Tom played the Piano well. Kate forgot her Music.

8. Which one is correct?

- he lives in hull she lives in london they live in bury
- He lives in Hull. she lives in London they live in Bury.
- he lives in hull. she lives in london. they live in bury
- He lives in Hull. She lives in London. They live in Bury.

9. Which one is correct?

- where is your first aid kit? Did you leave it in the car
- where is your first aid kit? Did you leave it in the car
- Where is your first aid kit? Did you leave it in the car?
- Where is your first aid kit? did you leave it in the car?

10. Which one is correct?

- Capital letters are useful do you use them correctly?
- Capital letters are useful. Do you use them correctly?
- capital letters are useful. Do you use them correctly?
- capital letters are useful. do you use them correctly?

KS3 English Quiz - Capital Letters 01 (Answers)

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Capital letters follow exclamation and question marks because these occur at the ends of sentences

2. Which one is correct?

- the door is freshly painted don't touch it
- the door is freshly painted Don't touch it.
- The door is freshly painted. don't touch it
- The door is freshly painted. Don't touch it.

Capital letters and punctuation marks help us read. Our eyes take in the information that one sentence has ended and another has begun

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- Which is the correct key for the door? Is it the silver one?
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Use capital letters after the question marks

4. Which one is correct?

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- Where is the blue book? Is it in the pile on the table?
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Question marks occur at the ends of sentences, so should be followed by a capital letter

5. Which one is correct?

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Capital letters begin sentences

6. Which one is correct?

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- Ouch! I have a splinter in my hand.

"I" is always capitalised

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Names also begin with capital letters. Practise with the Proper Nouns quiz

8. Which one is correct?

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Place names are proper nouns and therefore require capital letters

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Use capital letters after question marks as well as full stops

10. Which one is correct?

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Try the next quiz for more about using capital letters