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## Cheshire Cat, the Capitalization Criminal



**This feisty feline can be quite confusing. Follow the rules and you won't fall victim to this cat's antics. We're counting on you, Grammatical Heroes!**

### Lesson One

**Rule One:** Every word that names a particular person begins with a capital letter. The names of people include titles that are in front of a person's name.

Ex: **Ms.** Alice has a cat named **Dinah**.

Ex. The **Queen** of Hearts has a hot temper.

Write your own example:

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**Rule Two:** Every word that names a particular place begins with a capital letter.

Ex: Alice follows the White Rabbit to a place called **Wonderland**.

Write your own example:

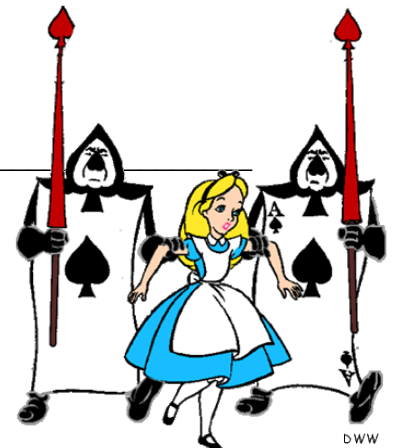
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**Rule Three:** Every word that names a particular group begins with a capital letter.

Ex: The **Royal Cards Men** will do anything for their queen.

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**Rule Four:** Every word that names a particular day, month or holiday begins with a capital letter. The exception is seasons (summer, fall, autumn, winter, spring), which begin with lower case letters.

Ex: In **J**anuary, the Queen chops off more heads than in any other month.

Write your own example:

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**Directions:** Practice correcting the capitalization errors in these sentences.

alice knew it wasn't right to follow mr. rabbit down the rabbit hole. After all, she hadn't been invited to the party. However, she was very curious. It had been Spring, and she had nothing to do on that beautiful may day. Later on, alice regretted ever leaving her adorable cat, dinah behind, so that she could enter the strange world called wonderland.



Double check your work or it will be OFF WITH YOUR HEAD!



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### Capitalization Two:

**Rule One:** Writers capitalize the first letter(s) in the name of organizations and in their abbreviations.

Ex: Mr. Rabbit dreams of being a coach in the **N.F.L.**

Write your own example:

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**Rule Two:** Writers begin the names of nationalities and languages with capital letters.

Ex: Alice was surprised to find that everyone in Wonderland could speak **English**.

Write your own example:

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**Rule Three:** Writers begin the names of buildings and monuments with capital letters.

Ex: The Queen made her Cards Men build her a building called **Heart Ache**; this is a new place where she goes to scream out her frustrations.

Write your own example:

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### Capitalization Three:

**Rule One:** Writers capitalize the first word in dialogue.

Ex: “**L**et’s win this game, so I can keep my head!” Alice demanded.

Write your own example:

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**Rule Two:** Writers capitalize words in the opening and closing of letters.

Ex:

201 **M**ad **H**atter **L**ane

**I**magination, **W**onderland

**A**ugust 11, 2011



**Directions:** Using all the capitalization rules, correct the following sentences.

1. After eating the magical food in wonderland, alice suddenly craved chinese food.
2. The Queen screamed, “off with their heads!”
3. mr. Rabbit hates being late to parties.
4. Alice originally returned home on sunday, may 6, 1952.
5. When alice ate the cookie labeled “eat me,” she grew larger than an n.f.l. player.



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**Directions:** Capitalize the opening and closings.

1. sincerely,  
alice cooper
2. mr. rabbit  
123 lovely boulevard  
hamden, ct
3. dear bill—the lizard with the ladder,
4. to whom it may concern:

