

Activity 3: Capitalization Rules

Review the rules of capitalization. Your child should know that people's names and the first letter of a sentence should be capitalized. Discuss these additional capitalization rules:

- Geographical place names (like cities, states, countries and the names of places like lakes or parks)
- Days of the week and months of the year
- Holidays (like New Years Day or Thanksgiving)
- Titles of books, stories, songs, poems, etc. The first and last word in a title are always capitalized. Small words like *and*, *or*, *a*, *the*, and *of* are not capitalized (unless they are the first or last word of the title). All nouns and verbs in the title are capitalized, no matter how small they are (for example, "is" and "go" are small words, but since they are verbs, they are capitalized).

Choose one of the following options for your child to complete.

Option 1

On the page "Capitalization Rules" (Option 1) page, your child will rewrite each sentence and capitalize all the words that should be capitalized.

Answer Key:

- The winter months, especially February, are very cold months in the state of Wisconsin.
- Laura and Mary got bored sitting inside all day, but they did like to read the Bible.
- Black Susan, the cat, likes to stretch out in front of the fire on cold days.
- This chapter has a section called "The Story of Pa and the Voice in the Woods."
- The family was getting ready for Christmas in the Big Woods.

Option 2

For this activity, your child will find a variety of words, names, and titles from the story. Using the page, "Capitalization Rules" (Option 2), she will write five sentences about the characters and events in the story. Explain that each sentence should contain at least two nouns that are capitalized. Not all the words in the list need to be capitalized, so your child will have to decide which ones do and which ones do not.

Here is the list with the correct capitalization:

- Row 1: Laura, winter, panther, Jack, doll, Big Woods
- Row 2: Jack Frost, Ma, Wisconsin, Christmas, Uncle Henry, "The Story of Pa and the Voice in the Woods"
- Row 3: cows, owl, Black Susan, Mary, Grandpa, "The Long Rifle"

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Directions: Rewrite each sentence and capitalize all the words that should be capitalized.

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Directions: Write 5 sentences about the book. For each sentence, choose at least two words/phrases from the list below that should be capitalized. Not all of the items in the box should be capitalized.

laura	winter	panther	jack	doll	big woods
jack frost	ma	wisconsin	christmas	uncle henry	"the story of pa and the voice in the woods"
cows	owl	black susan	mary	grandpa	"the long rifle"

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____