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Capitals and end marks

Start a sentence with a capital letter and end it with the right mark.

1 Learn



The **capital letter** goes at the front, like the engine. The **end mark** goes at the back, so the reader knows where to stop.



. **Full stop** tells you something. It is raining.	**?** **Question mark** asks something. Is it raining?	**!** **Exclamation mark** shows strong feeling. It's pouring!

More capital letters

Names (**A**va, **L**eo), days of the week (**M**onday) and the word **I** always have a capital letter.

Ava and **I** went swimming on **S**aturday.

Fix a run-on sentence

we went to the park it was sunny

Read it aloud. One idea ends after **park**. Add a full stop there, and a capital letter for the next sentence:

We went to the park. It was sunny.

Flip's tip: read your writing aloud. Where one idea ends and your voice stops, you need an end mark.

Warm up: add the right end mark: **.** or **?** or **!**

What time is it ☐

My cat is black ☐

Help, the bath is overflowing ☐

Do you like pizza ☐

Grown-ups: read the three examples in the band in different voices: telling, asking and excited.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Punctuation hunt

You need: a favourite story book and a pencil.

1. Open the book at any page with plenty of words.
2. Hunt for **capital letters**. Make a tally mark for each one: does it start a sentence, or is it a name, a day or I?
3. Now hunt for **end marks**: full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.
4. Read one question and one exclamation aloud in the right voice. Why did the writer choose that mark?

Capital: starts a sentence	Capital: name, day or I	Full stops .	Question marks ?	Exclamation marks !

Our favourite sentence on the page:

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Grown-ups: you'll probably find far more full stops than anything else. Talk about why: most sentences tell us something.

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round every letter that should be a capital. How many did you find?

1. my friend leo has a dog called max. Capitals: ☐
2. on tuesday i went swimming. Capitals: ☐
3. ava and mia play football on fridays. Capitals: ☐
4. next monday, sam and i are going to the zoo. Capitals: ☐

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B. Which end mark does each sentence need? Write **.** or **?** or **!**

1. Can I have a drink ☐
2. The bus is late today ☐
3. Ouch, that hurts ☐
4. Where are my shoes ☐
5. We had soup for tea ☐
6. What a huge wave ☐

C. These are run-on sentences. Write each one as **two** sentences.

1. the dog barked it wanted a walk

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2. i love sunny days we can play outside

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D. Write your own.

A question you could ask a friend:

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A sentence with your name and a day of the week in it:

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Challenge

Mia wrote: **on saturday i went to the park.** She says only the first word needs a capital letter. Is she right? Write it correctly.

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I can…

Tick when you can.

- ☐ start every sentence with a capital letter
- ☐ use capital letters for names, days of the week and I
- ☐ choose a full stop, a question mark or an exclamation mark