Capital letters: answers and notes

What your child practised: every letter has a small letter and a capital letter, and every sentence starts with a capital letter (Year 1 English: punctuating sentences with capital letters).

Page 1 · Warm up

c **C** · o **O** · s **S** · k **K**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. Check each capital is matched with the right small letter.

Page 2 · A. Ring the capitals

D, **S**, **A**, **R** and **N** (5 capital letters)

Page 2 · B. Write the capital

p **P** · w **W** · i **I** · u **U** · f **F** · y **Y**

Page 3 · C. Capital at the start

1. **A** cat can nap.
2. **M**y mum is at work.
3. **W**e have a red car.

Page 3 · D. Your sentence

Answers will vary, such as **My teddy is soft.** Check for a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end.

Challenge: No. A sentence needs a capital letter at the start **and** a full stop at the end. It should be: **The dog is wet.**

Watch out for

- **Forgetting the capital at the start of a sentence** (this is the most common slip). Before your child writes, ask, "What does a sentence start with?"
- **Capitals that are the same height as small letters**, like a small s for S. Show that capitals reach the top line.
- **Capital letters in the middle of words** (caT). Capitals go at the start of a word, never in the middle.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Air writing:** say a letter. Your child writes its capital in the air with a finger.
- **Spot it out and about:** find capital letters on signs and labels on a walk.
- **In the game:** Chapter 5, Capital partners, matches small letters with their capitals.