Capital fix-up: answers and notes

What your child practised: checking sentences and fixing missing capital letters for the start, names, places, days and I, and spotting capitals that aren't needed (Year 1 English: capital letters).

Page 1 · Warm up

I am six.

Page 2 · Try it together

Sam and I like to dig.
On Sunday we went to Wales.

Page 2 · A. Fix the capitals

1. **Max can kick a ball.**
2. **On Sunday we had a picnic.**
3. **Zoe and I live in Dover.**

Page 3 · B. Not needed

1. **Dog** (the dog)
2. **Cake** (cake)
3. **A** (a bird)

Page 3 · C. How many?

1. **5: On Monday Ella and I went to Cardiff.**
2. **4: On Friday I saw Leo at the park.**

Page 3 · D. Your sentence

Answers will vary, such as **My friend Ava likes to run.**

Challenge: Ella needs to fix **monday**: days of the week always start with a capital letter, so it should be **Monday**. Bath is a place, so its capital letter is right.

Watch out for

- **Missing a capital letter at the start or on a name** (max, zoe). Run a finger under each word and ask the 4 questions from Flip's tip.
- **A small i in the middle of a sentence.** I is always a capital letter.
- **Fixing every word** just in case. Ask, "Why does that one need a capital?" If there is no reason, it stays small.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Grown-up's mistakes:** write a sentence with a missing capital and let your child catch you out.
- **Name game:** take turns to say a name, a place or a day. The other person says which capital letter it needs.
- **In the game:** Chapter 8, Meet Buzzy the bee, moves on to full stops.