

Read and Analyze

Capitalization: Proper Nouns and Proper Adjectives

Unit 7: Lesson 73

Lesson 1
Day 1

When tourists think about the **island** of **Jamaica**, most of them picture sun-drenched beaches and an aqua sea. Many people do not know that this **Caribbean** nation is home to a unique mix of cultures.

Circle the boldfaced word that names any body of land surrounded by water.

Underline the boldfaced word that names one specific island.

Draw a box around the boldfaced word that is an adjective.

A common noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, thing, or idea. The important words in proper nouns are **capitalized**. **Proper adjectives** are descriptive words formed from proper nouns. They must be capitalized. A **title of respect**, such as *Mr.* or *Judge*, is used before a person's name. This title is also capitalized. The names of the months, the names of the days of the week, and the first word of every sentence are always capitalized.

See Handbook Sections 1, 15

Practice

Draw three lines (≡) under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized. (1–35) Then circle each proper noun and draw a box around each proper adjective.

The caribbean sea is part of the atlantic Ocean. Dozens of islands lie in the Caribbean. Trinidad and tobago are two separate islands that form one country. Haiti and the dominican republic are two countries that share the same island. other caribbean island countries include Jamaica, barbados, antigua, and grenada.

The region's first inhabitants were the Carib, arawak, and warahuns. in october 1492, columbus landed on an island in the Caribbean that he named san salvador. During the decades that followed, spanish explorers established colonies on many of the islands. Most of the native peoples died as a result of diseases brought by the europeans. Many others perished in wars waged against these invading colonial powers.

By 1750, the English, dutch, swedish, and french had settled in parts of the caribbean. Barbados, jamaica, and haiti became sugar plantation colonies. Sugar cane thrived in the fertile volcanic soil. Workers from Africa were forced into labor on the plantations. Laborers from china and india were also brought to the Caribbean. In the 1800s, slavery was abolished in most european countries. During that century, the islands fought for their independence, one by one.

Today's caribbean islanders are the proud descendants of Carib, african, European, east indian, middle Eastern, and chinese cultures. These cultures have combined to create a vibrant mix of traditions found nowhere else.

Apply

Draw three lines (≡) under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized. Draw a line (/) through each uppercase letter that should be lowercase. (36–52)

The celebration of Carnival is perhaps the most famous caribbean festival. carnival has its roots in the traditions of african tribal celebrations and european religion. In some areas, Carnival takes place before easter. music, dancing, parades, and costumes are part of the celebration. In other areas, it is held in late Summer.

Paraders wear colorful and elaborate Costumes made of feathers, mirrors, animal horns, shells, and beads. Modern-day costumes might include beach balls, colored light bulbs, and headdresses shaped like satellite dishes. Traditional Characters such as moco jumbie, Midnight Robber, and Pitchy Patchy appear at Carnival festivals throughout the Caribbean. During Carnival, the sound of Steel Drums fills the air as dancers fill the street. The celebration continues nonstop for days and Nights. Carnival celebrations also occur in london, toronto, and New york City.

Reinforce

A character called “archy the cockroach” was created in the 1920s by American humorist Donald Robert Perry Marquis. The character archy was a very talented insect; he typed out wise sayings and poems by hopping from one key to another on Don Marquis’s typewriter. With his method of typing, though, archy could not capitalize words because he could not use the shift key. He also could not punctuate sentences.

Read this passage by archy. Then rewrite it with correct capitalization and punctuation. Afterward, discuss with a partner the effect you think the absence of capitalization and punctuation has on the reader.

i have noticed that when chickens quit quarreling over their food they often find that there is enough for all of them i wonder if it might not be the same with the human race

—archy's life of mehitabel
random thoughts by archy

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