

8th Grade Capitalization Pre-Test

**Multiple Choice**

*Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

1. In which sentence are the correct letters capitalized?
  - A. Josie and Vanessa were excited when their Coach announced that their volleyball team was going to be named Spike force.
  - B. Josie and Vanessa were excited when their coach announced that their Volleyball Team was going to be named Spike force.
  - C. Josie and Vanessa were excited when their coach announced that their volleyball team was going to be named Spike Force.
  - D. Josie and Vanessa were excited when their coach announced that their Volleyball team was going to be named Spike force.
  
2. Read the sentence.

**Yesterday, mom and I went to the mall and bought new shoes from a store named Your Best Foot Forward.**

What capitalization error is present in the sentence?

  - A. *Mall* should be capitalized.
  - B. *Mom* should be capitalized.
  - C. *Best Foot* should not be capitalized.
  - D. *Store* should be capitalized.
  
3. Read the sentence.

**aaron said, "i'm studying hebrew, so i will be able to talk with my relatives from israel.**

Which words in the sentence should be capitalized?

  - A. Aaron, I'm, Hebrew, I, Israel
  - B. Aaron, I, Israel
  - C. Aaron, I'm, I, Israel
  - D. Aaron, I'm, Hebrew, Israel
  
4. In which sentence are the correct letters capitalized?
  - A. On March 29, 1981 Ronald Reagan told a reporter from The Observer, "You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."
  - B. On March 29, 1981 Ronald Reagan told a reporter from the observer, "You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."
  - C. On march 29, 1981 Ronald Reagan told a reporter from The Observer, "You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."
  - D. On March 29, 1981 Ronald Reagan told a reporter from the Observer, "You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."
  
5. Read the sentence.

**in october the students will have a halloween party.**

Which words in the sentence should be capitalized?

  - A. In, October
  - B. In, October, Students
  - C. In, October, Halloween
  - D. In, October, Halloween, Party

**José is writing a letter to his friend Dylan, who recently moved away. Read the letter. Then answer the following question(s).**

<sup>1</sup>Dear Dylan,

<sup>2</sup>Hi! <sup>3</sup>I know you only moved three weeks ago, but I miss not hearing from you already. <sup>4</sup>Do you like living in New York? <sup>5</sup>I bet it is very different than living in Miami. <sup>6</sup>I think if I moved there, the first thing I would do is go see the statue of liberty. <sup>7</sup>Have you seen it yet?

<sup>8</sup>Well, I've already gotten started on the summer reading list Mrs. Marshall gave us. <sup>9</sup>In her letter at the end of the year she said, "you need to find time to read this summer." <sup>10</sup>I wish my mom had not found the letter because the first week of summer I was already at the library picking out a book. <sup>11</sup>I got the book frindle by Andrew Clements, and it is really good so far. <sup>12</sup>At first I hoped Mom would forget about the letter, but now I may want to read another book.

<sup>13</sup>I can't wait to see you when you come and visit at the end of July. <sup>14</sup>I have great things planned, and we will have a blast.

<sup>15</sup>Your Friend,  
José

6. Before sending his letter, José edits it to see if he has made any mistakes. He finds an error in sentence 6. How should José correct the error in sentence 6?
- I think if I moved there, the first thing I would do is go see the statue of Liberty.
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  - I think if I moved there, the first thing I would do is go see the Statue Of Liberty.
7. Before sending his letter, José edits it to see if he has made any mistakes. He finds an error in sentence 9. Which statement about sentence 9 is **true**?
- The word *she* should be capitalized.
  - The phrase *end of the year* should be capitalized.
  - The word *summer* should be capitalized.
  - The word *you* should be capitalized within the quotation marks.
8. Next, Jose finds an error in sentence 11. Which sentence shows the correct capitalization?
- I got the book Frindle by Andrew Clements, and it is really good so far.
  - I got the book frindle by Andrew Clements, And it is really good so far.
  - I got the book frindle By Andrew Clements, and it is really good so far.
  - I got the Book frindle by Andrew Clements, and it is really good so far.
9. Which of the following is **true** about sentence 15?
- It is written correctly. No changes are needed.
  - There is a capitalization error. It should be written *your friend*.
  - There is a capitalization error. It should be written YOUR FRIEND.
  - There is a capitalization error. It should be written *Your friend*.

10. Read the sentence.

my aunt and uncle declared, "we are going to south america this winter."



Which words in the sentence should be capitalized?

- A. My, Aunt, Uncle, We, South, America    C. My, We, South, America, Winter  
 B. My, We, South, America    D. My, South, America
11. Which statement is **true**?
- A. The title *president* should always be capitalized.  
 B. A title of a person should be capitalized when it is used in a direct address.  
 C. If a person's title is used with that person's name, only the person's name should be capitalized.  
 D. If a person's title is used with that person's name, only the title should be capitalized.

12. Read the sentence.

tyrone read *sports illustrated* magazine in the waiting room at dr. weng's office.

How should the sentence be rewritten with correct capitalization?

- A. Tyrone read *Sports Illustrated* magazine in the waiting room at dr. Weng's office.  
 B. Tyrone read *Sports Illustrated Magazine* in the waiting room at dr. Weng's office.  
 C. Tyrone read *Sports Illustrated* magazine in the waiting room at Dr. Weng's office.  
 D. Tyrone read *sports illustrated* magazine in the waiting room at Dr. Weng's office.

### Short Answer

13. Read the sentence.

Dad announced, "we are going to the rodeo today to see your cousin show his pig."

Which word in this sentence should begin with a capital letter? Explain your answer.

14. Read the sentence.

sixth graders are required to read the book charlotte's web by e.b. white over the summer.

Which word(s) in the sentence should start with a capital letter? Explain your answer.