

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #55

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## **FOCUS** Capitalization of People / Characters

Capitalize the names of people or characters.

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

A named person or character is a proper noun and must be capitalized. Initials, abbreviations, titles, nicknames, and proper adjectives that are attached to the named person are also capitalized. Adjectives answer Which one? How many? or What Kind? However, don't capitalize articles (*a, an, or the*) in the middle of names.

**Examples:** E.B. White was a great poet.  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped lead the Civil Rights Movement.  
I've read some of the work by Justice Oliver Wendall Holmes.  
Mrs. *Janet Nelson* is a kind woman.  
George Herman "Babe" Ruth was the homerun king of baseball.  
The magician, Miraculous Merlin, would have admired Peter the Great.  
I know that Mother loved to watch Donald Duck cartoons.

## **PRACTICE**

Capitalize any proper nouns in the following sentences.

1. she told uncle charles that I went to see dr. s. l. thompson.
2. Will mrs. james come to visit aunt robin and "bubba" peterson?
3. The army's captain schneider reviewed the rules with p.f.c. johnson.
4. roy told dad that sis and i would get together at mom's work.
5. officer bob benton issued a speed citation to louis and his brother.

## **WRITE**

Write your own sentence with an adjective that is attached to a named person and another sentence with a named character.

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## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #55 Practice Answers**

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2. Will Mrs. James come to visit Aunt Robin and “Bubba” Peterson?
3. The army’s Captain Schneider reviewed the rules with P.F.C. Johnson.
4. Roy told Dad that Sis and I would get together at Mom’s work.
5. Officer Bob Benton issued a speed citation to Louis and his brother.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #56 Practice Answers**

1. I love to go see Broadway plays in New York City.
2. Some of the most beautiful scenery is found in Douglas County in Nevada.
3. The girls said they lived at 123 Oak Avenue in Paris, North Carolina.
4. In Southern Mississippi they still grow cotton.
5. The borough of Long Island has millions of people.
6. The Spanish own the Canary Islands off the coast of Portugal.
7. I have heard that there is an American naval base on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.
8. Her house is located at 342 Twenty-seventh Street.
9. For years, voters in the Deep South solidly supported the Democratic Party.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #57 Practice Answers**

1. I hear that the Alex Theater has been completely remodeled.
2. Bill Gates helped invent the Windows Operating System.
3. Ryan once climbed the stairs to the top of the Sears Tower.
4. Have you vacationed in Yosemite National Park?
5. Mr. Newton was appointed sponsor of the Spanish Club.
6. I attended first Presbyterian Church for three years.
7. Did you kiss the Blarney Stone when you went to Ireland?
8. Kenny walked across the Golden Gate Bridge.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #58 Practice Answers**

1. On the first Thanksgiving Day, Pilgrims and Native Americans shared a feast.
2. I’m sure that February 19<sup>th</sup> is Presidents Day this year.
3. Will we have cherry pie at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party?
4. The Rose Parade is the granddaddy of all New Year’s Day parades.
5. She knows that Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is celebrated only in the United States.
6. If Thursday will not work for you, how about Wednesday?
7. I got married on Flag Day, which is on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
8. The Chinese say that this is the Year of the Dog.
9. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a Jewish holiday.
10. Does Santa really come down the chimney on Christmas Eve?