

# Self-Starters: August 25-29

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Principle - *Capitalization*

## Rules

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3. Title with a last name
4. First word of a direct quote
5. Title
6. Letter opening
7. First word of a letter closing

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Directions: Pick up your self starter paper from the counter. Working with your elbow partner, come up with one example sentence for each rule. Write them on your self-starter paper. Double check that your capitals are correct!

## Rules



### 1. Proper nouns

ex. South Ogden Junior High, Harry Potter

### 2. Proper adjectives

ex. American flag, Chinese food

### 3. Title with a last name

ex. Principal Tanner, Coach Norr

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Directions: Pull out your self-starter paper or find it on the counter. Working with your elbow partner, come up with one example sentence for each rule. Write them on your self-starter paper. Write your best one on a whiteboard. Double check that your capitals are correct!

## Rules



4. First word in a quote

ex. Bob said, "You owe me chocolate!"

5. Titles

ex. Hunger Games, The Lego Movie

6. Letter opening

ex. Dear Parents and Guardians,

7. First word of a letter closing

ex. Best wishes,

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*Directions: At the bottom of your self-starter paper, write one sentence that uses as many rules as possible. With your row, share your sentences and choose one sentence to put on a white board.*



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### **Rules Quiz**

***Directions: Remove everything from your desk but your self-starter paper and a pen or pencil. Write your answers to this quiz on the back or bottom of your self-starter paper. Double check that your name is in the top right corner.***

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### Rules Quiz

#### Proper nouns

1. Which proper noun is capitalized correctly?
  - a. Ogden City
  - b. Katniss everdeen
  - c. The Great salt Lake
  
2. Is this sentence capitalized correctly? Yes or No  
*I enjoyed my date with the Headless Horseman, but his kisses were pumpkiny.*

### Proper adjectives

3. Which adjective is not proper and should not be capitalized?

- a. Swiss cheese
- b. Left hand
- c. Sony television

4. Is this sentence capitalized correctly? Yes or No

*The students in english class all got 100% on the quiz.*

### Title with a last name

5. Which title should not be capitalized?

- a. Coach Barker
- b. Neighbor Joe
- c. President Obama

6. Is this sentence capitalized correctly? Yes or No

*My neighbor, John, likes to complain about Mayor Minster.*



### First word of a direct quote

7. Which of these direct quotes is capitalized correctly?
- a. Ms. Norr said, "don't forget to read for your reading log."
  - b. Principal Tanner bellowed, "No running in the halls!"
  - c. The students cried, "why do we have to take a quiz?"

## Title

8. Is this sentence capitalize correctly? Yes or No

*Ms. Norr's favorite animated movie is megamind.*

## Letter opening

9. Which one of these letter openings is not capitalized correctly?
- a. Dear parents and guardians,
  - b. To Whom It May Concern,
  - c. Dear President Obama,

### First word of a letter closing

10. Which of these letter closings is capitalized correctly?
- a. Best Wishes,
  - b. Sincerely Yours,
  - c. Thanks,

## Attachments

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