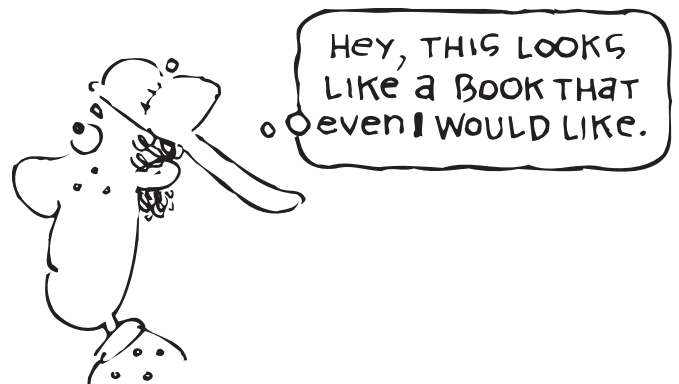


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Caps

Capitalizing, Alliteration

In English, we capitalize certain words to give them a particular significance. Here is a brief summary of the reasons for capitalizing words:

1. **Beginning of a sentence**
2. **First person singular (I)**
3. **Given names** (Father and Mother when they are used as names, Sonny, Karen)
4. **Titles of people** (Captain Andersen, Doctor Morgan, Governor Wilson, Senator Nunn)
5. **Titles of books, periodicals, films, songs, articles, etc.** (*Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Jaws*)
6. **Geographical locations** (Mississippi River, New York City, Africa)
7. **Names of institutions and agencies** (Salvation Army, United States Senate)
8. **Specific commercial products** (Buick, Revlon, Jell-O)
9. **Lines of verse** (The first word of a line of verse is often capitalized.)
10. **References to sacred figures**
11. **Names of businesses** (Safeway, Macy's, America Online)
12. **Name of an event or holiday** (Independence Day, World War I)



THE **OTHER** INDEPENDENCE DAY
IS THE DAY I GET OUT OF SCHOOL
FOR SUMMER VACATION!

Caps**Capitalizing, Alliteration**

The paragraphs that follow are properly punctuated, but have no capitals. Write the capitals for the words that need them. Then list those words on the lines and tell why they need capitals. Twenty-eight words need to be capitalized.

In Praise of Pickles

pickles aren't for everyone. sometimes they make people pucker—probably the same people who also prefer not to eat sauerkraut. personally, i plan to eat as many pickles as are put on my plate (or pilfered by my pudgy paws). it's part of my peculiar personality, i suppose. i like the pungent, perfume-like fragrance of a dill pickle and its potent, penetrating sharp taste.

when i was in the u.s. army, i once missed a dress parade presided over by the popular general paul prentice at fort benning, georgia. we had pickles for lunch that day, and i lingered in the mess hall, hoping to panhandle pickles from procrastinating persons who perhaps hadn't finished their repast. when i finished eating those pretty pickles, no one was in the mess hall and i'd missed the parade.

a passion for pickles: that's the reason i remained a poor private all during world war II.

Capitalized Word**Reason for Capitalizing It**

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
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Name _____

Activity 1

Caps

Capitalizing, Alliteration

Capitalized Word

Reason for Capitalizing It

10.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____
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• Besides the absence of capitals, what did you notice about this puzzling passage concerning pickles?
