Proper Nouns, Common Nouns, and Capitalization

Capitalization Rules

Directions: underline each letter that should be capitalized. Explain why it should be capitalized.

1. you really only have one good chance to get an education.
   Why capitalize? _______________________________________________________________________

2. I'm going to the park with my friend kathy and my dog bart.
   Why capitalize? _______________________________________________________________________

3. Paul's class schedule said he was taking american history, spanish, english, and math.
   Why capitalize? _______________________________________________________________________

4. Kyle tied up on his nike air force ones, ate a big mac, and drank a cherry coke.
   Why capitalize? _______________________________________________________________________

5. The chicago river runs into the mississippi valley waterways.
   Why capitalize? _______________________________________________________________________

Common Nouns to Proper Nouns

Directions: Change each common noun into a proper noun.

1. car: ___________________________________ 2. restaurant: ______________________________
3. student: ________________________________ 4. state: __________________________________
5. video game: _____________________________ 6. book: __________________________________
7. teacher: ________________________________ 8. magazine: ______________________________
9. song: __________________________________ 10. movie: ________________________________

Capitalization Tasks

Directions: on the back or a separate sheet of paper, write original sentences each of the following tasks. Make sure you capitalize the appropriate letters in your sentences.

1. Write a sentence that mentions a clothing store and one of your family members.
2. Write a sentence that mentions a famous actor or actress and a movie.
3. Write a sentence that mentions a TV show and a snack product.
4. Write a sentence that mentions a foreign country, a sport, and an athlete.
5. Write a sentence that includes three course titles (classes).