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 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).