Capital Letters for Proper Nouns

Grade 1

Name _____ Date _____

Grown-ups: read each item out loud. Special names always start with a capital letter: the names of people and pets, days of the week, months, and places. This sheet mixes all of them, so ask: is it a special name?

Ask: Is it a special name? Then it needs a capital: Rome, Tokyo, Ali.

1. Circle the words that need a capital

Read the sentence. Circle each special name that should start with a capital letter.

1. We went to paris.
2. My friend lily can skip.
3. The nile is a long river.
4. We shop at park street market.
5. My hamster is called nibbles.
6. I live in lima.
7. Grandma lives in india.
8. tom and kim ran home.

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2. Capital or no capital?

Read each word. Write it in the right box. Add the capital letter if it needs one.

city | mexico | boy | leo | friday | day | japan | river | ana | girl | london | school

Needs a capital	No capital

Answer Key

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1. Circle the words that need a capital

Sentence 4: Park Street Market is one name, so all three words take capitals. Sentence 8: Tom also starts the sentence.

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2. Capital or no capital?

Words in the first box are written with their capital letter.

Needs a capital	No capital
Mexico	**city**
Leo	**boy**
Friday	**day**
Japan	**river**
Ana	**girl**
London	**school**