

Grammar Notes

Copy the rules and tips in your Writer's Notebooks.

NOUNS: Old School Rule- person, place, thing

Tips and tricks:

1. A noun can directly follow an article (a, an, the)
2. Can be made plural (add an “s” or “es” or add “any” or “some”)
3. Can be described by adjectives
4. Can be used in the pattern: article + adjective + noun

Example: the + red + wagon

Verbs: used to describe an action or state of being

Tips and tricks:

1. Look for the action, or what is happening, in the sentence.

Adjectives: describe nouns

Tips and tricks:

1. can take the comparative ending “er” (sweeter)
2. Can take the superlative ending “est” (sweetest)
3. Can follow the word “seems”

ADVERBS: describes an adjective, verb, or adverb

Tips and tricks:

1. Adverbs will describe place, time, frequency, degree, or manner
2. Look for the verb and then find words to describe how it was done
3. Look for adjectives and find words to describe qualities of those adjectives

PREPOSITION: SHOW LOCATION

Tips and tricks:

It says it in the name- prePOSITION

Anywhere a mouse can go (over, under, near, far, front, back)

PRONOUN: Substitutions for nouns

Tips and tricks:

1. They take the place of nouns
2. 3 types
 - a. Subject (he)
 - b. Object (him)
 - c. Possessive (his)

On to **CAPITALIZATION**

Capitalization Rules

1st words of a sentence

The pronoun “I”

Proper Nouns (this is a huge category)

Titles before names, but not after

Directions as names, but not compass directions

Days of the week, months, holidays

Major words in titles

First words in a sentence that is a direct quote.

The first word of a sentence:

The lack of capitals at the beginning of a sentence drives Mrs.Ro crazy.

stop being lazy

The pronoun “I”

Every time Mrs. Ro sees a lower case “i” in a text message, she replies with, “Capitalize it!!!”

Proper Nouns:

Names: Channing Tatum, Kim Kardashian

Places: San Diego, Fuzzy's, House of Blues

Things: Dr.Pepper, Oreos, Chuck Taylors

Titles before names, but not after

Mayor Smith of Smalltown, but not Mr. Smith, mayor of Smalltown

President Spongebob, but not Spongebob, president of Bikini Bottom

Doctor Bugs, but not Bugs the doctor

Directions as names, but not as
part of the compass

West End, the South, Pacific Northwest

but not

go north on I-35, Houston is south of Dallas



Days of the week, months, holidays

Tuesday is Monday's evil twin.

I call February "Fabuary" because it is just fabulous.

Why don't we get out of school for Patriot's Day or Columbus Day?

The first word of a sentence in a direct quote

We will talk more about this one during the year...but for now:

Today's lesson on capitalization is boring, but Mrs. Ro said, "Capitalization rocks."