

# LESSON 4

## CAPITALIZE DATES



A **date** tells when something happened. Do you know what happened on July 4, 1776? On that date, Americans declared their independence from England. Today, we still celebrate our independence on July 4th, now a national holiday.

### IMPORTANT RULES

## DAYS OF THE WEEK

- ★ The days of the week are always capitalized.

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | monday, tuesday, friday, sunday |
| <b>Correct</b>   | Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Sunday |

## MONTHS AND HOLIDAYS

- ★ The names of months and holidays are also always capitalized.

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | may, july, september, memorial day, thanksgiving |
| <b>Correct</b>   | May, July, September, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving |

## SEASONS OF THE YEAR

★ Seasons of the year are **not** capitalized: spring, summer, fall, winter.

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | My favorite time of the year is <b>S</b> ummer. |
| <b>Correct</b>   | My favorite time of the year is summer.         |

## BIRTHDAY

★ The word “birthday” is **not** capitalized.

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | Tomorrow is my sister’s <b>B</b> irthday. |
| <b>Correct</b>   | Tomorrow is my sister’s birthday.         |

## TIMES OF THE DAY, YESTERDAY, TOMORROW

★ The times of day are **not** capitalized. In addition, yesterday, tomorrow, last year, and next year are **not** capitalized. For example:

|                  |           |                      |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| daytime          | morning   | midnight             |
| dawn             | noon      | night                |
| 10:00 am         | 8 o’clock | evening              |
| tomorrow morning | yesterday | day before yesterday |

| <b>Incorrect</b>   | <b>Correct</b>   |
|--|--|
| I will meet you at <b>M</b> idnight<br>Tomorrow is my <b>B</b> irthday.<br>I get up at 7 <b>O</b> ’clock each day. | I will meet you at midnight<br>Tomorrow is my birthday.<br>I get up at 7 o’clock each day. |

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## APPLYING WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

**Directions:** Look at the list of dates and phrases below. If a word is incorrect, draw a line through the error and rewrite the date or phrase correctly in the second column.

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. monday night       | 1. _____  |
| 2. veteran's day      | 2. _____  |
| 3. Summer             | 3. _____  |
| 4. new year's day     | 4. _____  |
| 5. thursday           | 5. _____  |
| 6. friday, january 1  | 6. _____  |
| 7. tomorrow Afternoon | 7. _____  |
| 8. early Spring       | 8. _____  |
| 9. september 15       | 9. _____  |
| 10. sunday Morning    | 10. _____ |
| 11. Carol's Birthday  | 11. _____ |
| 12. 6 O'clock         | 12. _____ |
| 13. tuesday at Dawn   | 13. _____ |

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**Directions:** Choose the answer that shows the correct capitalization.

- 1    **A** I will visit my uncle on monday.  
       **B** My brother's birthday is in may.  
       **C** I go to school every Morning.  
       **D** We went to the park last Friday.

In this lesson, you learned about capitalizing days, months, holidays, and specific dates. You also learned that seasons of the year and times of the day are **not** capitalized. You learned that the days of the week are **always** capitalized, so Choice A is wrong. Months are capitalized, so "may" in Choice B is wrong. Times of the day are not capitalized, so Choice C is also wrong. Only **Choice D** is correct. Friday is a day of the week and should be capitalized.



- 2    **A** He goes home at 8 o'clock.  
       **B** He works late at Night.  
       **C** She is inviting friends to her Birthday.  
       **D** She does not work on tuesdays.
- 3    **A** Tom ate in the restaurant Yesterday.  
       **B** He wants to go there again on saturday.  
       **C** She wants to go to Europe this Summer.  
       **D** Carol's birthday is in February.
- 4    **A** He reads the newspaper every Evening.  
       **B** We watch football on sundays.  
       **C** They are going to a party on June 1.  
       **D** His favorite holiday of the year is thanksgiving.

| FEBRUARY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|          |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6        | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13       | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20       | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27       | 28 |    |    |    |    |    |

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- 5 A They watched fireworks on July 4th.  
 B She moved to California.  
 C They plan to go to Mexico for vacation.  
 D His band played for Memorial Day.



- 6 A My favorite season is Winter.  
 B My favorite day of the week is Sunday.  
 C August 21 is my Birthday.  
 D My mother was born in June.

| AUGUST |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S      | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|        | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7      | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14     | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21     | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28     | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

- 7 A They met at noon.  
 B Last Friday it was raining.  
 C Usually it is very warm in July.  
 D It is Sarah's birthday tomorrow.
- 8 A The fishing boats leave early in the morning.  
 B Last Wednesday, the boats left late.  
 C It was the birthday of one of my friends.  
 D The same thing happens every year in June.

- 9 A My favorite holiday is Halloween.  
 B Last fall, I dressed up as a pirate.  
 C We left 6 o'clock to go trick-or-treating.  
 D Halloween is next Saturday.



- 10 A Tomorrow is Sunday.  
 B We do not have any homework tonight.  
 C The park is closed in August.  
 D Can we visit Aunt Tamara in May?

# LESSON 17

## PRONOUNS



Wouldn't it be boring if we had to repeat a person's full name every time we wanted to mention him or her? Luckily, we have pronouns to make our writing more interesting.

### PASSAGE 1

George is meeting George's friend at school for lunch. George and George's friend will eat snacks that George made at George's apartment. George and George's friend enjoy getting together.

### PASSAGE 2

George is meeting his friend at school for lunch. They will eat snacks that George made at his apartment. They enjoy getting together.

Which of these two passages was easier to understand? Most people find the second passage easier to follow because it uses pronouns instead of constantly repeating George's name.

## IMPORTANT RULES

### WHAT IS A PRONOUN?

★ **Pronouns** are short words that take the place of nouns.

|    |     |    |      |       |
|----|-----|----|------|-------|
| he | she | it | they | their |
|----|-----|----|------|-------|

We use pronouns to make our speaking and writing easier to follow. Without pronouns, we would have to keep repeating the same nouns.

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Like verbs, pronouns also have to be in “agreement.” Pronouns have to “agree” with the noun that they are replacing.

- ★ Use a singular pronoun — *I, he, she, it, him, her, his, its* — to replace a singular noun:

|                  |                            |                |                |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | Margaret → <del>they</del> | <b>Correct</b> | Margaret → she |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|

- ★ Use a plural pronoun — *we, they, them, their* — to replace a plural noun:

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | Maggie and John → <del>she</del> |
| <b>Correct</b>   | Maggie and John → they           |

- ★ Use *he/him/his* to replace “male” nouns that refer to boys or men:

|                  |                                 |                |                      |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | Jim lost <del>her</del> pencil. | <b>Correct</b> | Jim lost his pencil. |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|

- ★ Use *she/her/hers* to replace “female” nouns that refer to girls or women:

|                  |                                   |                |                        |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Incorrect</b> | Sally lost <del>his</del> pencil. | <b>Correct</b> | Sally lost her pencil. |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|

- ★ It should always be clear which noun the pronoun is replacing.

### APPLYING WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

**Directions:** Circle the correct pronoun that could replace the noun.

1. Jack lost (*his/her/their*) way.
2. The family ate (*his/her/their*) dinner together.

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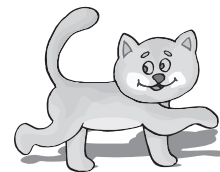
**Directions:** Choose the answer with the pronoun that agrees with the noun or nouns in the sentence.

- 1    **A** Maggie lost his gloves.  
       **B** John told her sister.  
       **C** Cody is going with his friend.  
       **D** Maggie and Yvette ate her dinners.

In this lesson, you learned that a pronoun must “agree” with the noun it stands for. Here, Choice A is wrong. Maggie is a girl’s name, so the pronoun should be her not his. Choice B is also wrong. Since John is a male, the correct pronoun for John should be his not her. Choice D is wrong, too. Maggie and Yvette are plural, so the correct pronoun should be their. **Choice C** is correct. Cody is singular and male. So is the pronoun his.



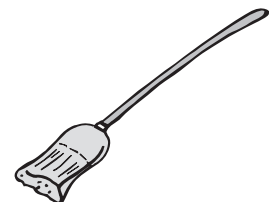
- 2    **A** The kittens ran to her mother.  
       **B** They want his dinners.  
       **C** Olivia left her homework at home.  
       **D** Cody lost their way home.



- 3    **A** Rolle and Tom went to his neighborhood library.  
       **B** He ate his apple in the movie.  
       **C** They lost his way in the new neighborhood.  
       **D** Jacob told her favorite funny story.



- 4    **A** Gianna cleaned her house.  
       **B** The children sang in his school play.  
       **C** The children enjoy having her lunches.  
       **D** Mark and Barry met her skiing instructor.





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- 5 A What time is it.  
 B The children left her books at home.  
 C Did the children leave their school early?  
 D Mary lost his keys and can't open her door.
- 6 A While they were sleeping, his home was flooded.  
 B They like to eat in her favorite restaurant.  
 C He is friendly with her neighbor.  
 D She visited her mother.
- 7 A How many guests will be at their party?  
 B Mom and Dad have a party at his house every year.  
 C Dionna and Dave missed her flight!  
 D When will Derrick and Desiree move to his new house?



**Directions:** Choose the answer that shows the correct grammar and usage.

- 8 A Yesterday, she runs into an old friend.  
 B Yesterday, she rans into an old friend.  
 C Yesterday, she runned into an old friend.  
 D Yesterday, she ran into an old friend.
- 9 A How many childs do the Smiths have?  
 B Have you seen the fishes?  
 C My foots hurt!  
 D He is friendly with his neighbor.
- 10 A Alden and Tariq like to see how many fishes they can catch.  
 B Olivia is my best friends.  
 C Does your feets still hurt?  
 D She is Aaliya's good friend.

