

Capitalizing Proper Nouns

Double Dutch
Grammar: Common and
Proper Nouns

Proper nouns must be capitalized. If a proper noun is two words, capitalize both. If it is three or more words, capitalize each important word.

proper noun

New York City is full of talented performers.

Capitalize the first letter of abbreviations, such as *Mr.* or *Ms.*, and end with a period. Also capitalize initials, such as *C. S. Lewis*, and acronyms, such as *FBI*.

Thinking Questions

*How many words make up the proper noun?
Which words are important?*

1–4. Write the sentence on the line. Capitalize the proper nouns.

1. The jump rope team from harlem is very talented.
2. Their team name is the dazzling ropers.
3. They performed at the thanksgiving day parade in new york.
4. They became so popular that they were invited to the white house!

5–7. Write the sentence on the line. Capitalize abbreviations, initials, and acronyms.

5. My mother jumped rope on the corner of 125th st and second ave in nyc.
6. mr david a. walker developed double dutch into a world class sport.
7. The *New York Times* featured the national double dutch finals.