Capitalization Rules

1. Capitalize the first word of a sentence.
   - It was a clear afternoon.

2. Capitalize days of the week, months, and holidays.
   - He arrived at his new house on Saturday, May 23.

3. Capitalize the name of a specific place.
   - I attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

4. Capitalize the personal pronoun I and people’s names.
   - Johnny Miller and I have a class together.

5. Capitalize the titles of relatives when they are used in place of names.
   - Nancy, Mom told me to tell you that your dad will be here in an hour.

6. Capitalize names of organizations.
   - The Neighborhood Players are presenting a musical next week.

7. Capitalize titles when they relate to a specific person.
   - The best doctor in town is Doctor Jones.

8. Capitalize names of historical periods.
   - The Great Depression and World War II were difficult times in America.

9. Capitalize the first word and each important word in a title. Do not capitalize articles, prepositions, or short connecting words.
   - He memorized Tennyson’s “Charge of the Light Brigade.”

10. Capitalize the first word of dialogue if it is a complete sentence.
    - The student stated, “It’s getting cold in here.”

11. Capitalize the first word of a complete sentence following a colon.
    - Remember: Your homework is due at 3:00 sharp.

12. Capitalize the names of languages, nationalities, and religions.
    - He devoted his life to learning Spanish.

13. Capitalize acronyms that refer to specific names.
    - The USA is part of NATO.

14. Capitalize North, South, East, and West when referring to a specific place but not a general direction.
    - Billy moved to the Southwest last year, but he travels north to work.

15. Capitalize brand names.
    - His favorite cereal is Frosted Flakes.