

# Capitalizing Words in Titles

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## Quick Review

In a title, capitalize the **FIRST** word, the **LAST** word, and all important words. Do **NOT** capitalize short words like *a*, *an*, *the*, *and*, *but*, *or*, *of*, *in*, *on* unless they are the **FIRST** or **LAST** word.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the correct capitalization.

- Which title is capitalized correctly?
  - the cat in the hat
  - The Cat In The Hat
  - The Cat in the Hat
  - the cat In the hat
- Which title is capitalized correctly?
  - Charlotte's Web
  - Charlotte's web
  - CHARLOTTE'S WEB
  - charlotte's Web
- Which title is capitalized correctly?
  - My Trip To The Zoo
  - My trip to the zoo
  - My Trip to the Zoo
  - my trip to the Zoo
- Which title is capitalized correctly?
  - a Day at the Park
  - A Day at the Park
  - A day at the park
  - A Day At The Park



5. Which word should NOT be capitalized in a title (unless it's first or last)?

- A. Dog
- B. Run
- C. and
- D. Brave

6. Capitalize this book title correctly: *the tale of peter rabbit*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Capitalize this movie title correctly: *finding nemo*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which title has an ERROR?

- A. Where the Wild Things Are
- B. James and the Giant Peach
- C. Diary Of A Wimpy Kid
- D. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

9. Which is the correct title?

- A. how to train your dragon
- B. How to Train Your Dragon
- C. How To Train Your Dragon
- D. How to train your Dragon

10. Capitalize this poem title correctly: *the road not taken*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6
- 7
- 8  A  B  C  D
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10

### Explanations

1. C	Capitalize first and last words and important words; "in" and "the" inside the title stay lowercase.
2. A	Both important words capitalized.
3. C	First word + important words capitalized; "to" and "the" stay lowercase.
4. B	Capitalize first word (A) and important words (Day, Park); "at" and "the" stay lowercase.
5. C	And is a short connecting word that stays lowercase in the middle of titles.
6.	<b>Answer:</b> The Tale of Peter Rabbit First, last, and important words capitalized; "of" lowercase.
7. Finding Nemo	Both words are important.
8. C	"Of" and "a" should be lowercase: Diary of a Wimpy Kid.
9. B	First word capitalized + important words; "to" and "your" are handled correctly (your is a possessive and gets capitalized in titles).
10.	<b>Answer:</b> The Road Not Taken All important words capitalized; "the" (first) capitalized; "not" counts as important.



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