

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.	Answer: 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.	Answer: The Road Not Taken All important words capitalized; "the" (first) capitalized; "not" counts as important.



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