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LESSON 3

AP Guidance on Capitalization

Proper Nouns

Capitalize nouns that constitute the unique identification for a specific person, place, or thing:

John, Julia, Mexico, Boston, England.

Proper Names

Capitalize common nouns such as party, river, street and west when they are an integral part of the full name for a person, place or thing,

Detroit River, Woodward Dream Cruise, Gordie Howe International Bridge, West Virginia.

Lowercase these common nouns when they stand alone in subsequent references: the bridge, the river, the street.

CORRECT:

Little Caesars Arena is on Woodward Avenue.

INCORRECT:

I love taking my Dog to the Park.

Dates/Months

- When a month is used with a specific date, abbreviate only Jan., Feb., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec.
- Do not abbreviate March, April, May, June or July.
- When a phrase refers to a month, day and year, set off the year with commas.
- Days of the week should be capitalized and not abbreviated.
- Always use figures for dates. Don't use st, nd, rd or th.

CORRECT:

Her birthday is May 8.

Feb. 14, 2013, was the target date.

He agreed to visit on Friday, Dec. 3.

INCORRECT:

Wed., Mar. 5th was a good day.

January Eleven 2023 was the first day of class.

Spell out months when using alone or with a year alone.

When a phrase lists only a month and a year, do not separate the year with commas.

CORRECT:

January 2016 was a cold month.

My favorite month is October.

INCORRECT:

The store opened in Nov. 2021.

She was born in December, 1953.

Seasons

Lowercase spring, summer, fall, winter and derivatives such as springtime unless part of a formal name:

CORRECT:

We collected donations at the Detroit Winter Carnival.

There is no better season than fall.

INCORRECT:



He is in a bad mood during the Winter.

Be sure to enjoy the Summer sun.


Punctuation

Use punctuation with emojis, where it would naturally be in the sentence—typically before the emoji. Basically, don't use emojis AS punctuation.

CORRECT:

 Technological advancements like augmented reality (AR) help bring vehicles back to their pre-collision condition faster and with more accuracy. 

INCORRECT:

Give a shoutout to a tradesperson that always gets the job done in the comments 

Commonly Confused Words

Losing

MEANING:

(opposite of winning)
is not spelled **loosing**.

Loosing

MEANING:

is the present participle of the verb 'loose', meaning to unfasten or release.

Not commonly used.

Remember, it's a losing streak, not a loosing streak.

Oops in the Wild



Thank You!