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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.

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

# 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.

## 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!