

# Proper Nouns A

## 13e. Capitalize proper nouns.

### (1) Capitalize the names of persons and animals.

Capitalize initials in names and abbreviations that come before or after names. For names that contain more than one part, capitalization may vary.

**EXAMPLES** Franklin **D.** Roosevelt      **S**hep  
 Willem **de** Kooning      **W**alter **de** la Mare  
**M**s. **M**argaret **H**alloway      **K**atie **B**rown, **M.D.**

### EXERCISE A Circle all letters that should be capitalized in the following sentences.

**Example 1.** The professor named Jerald **m**iddleton seems to know everything there is to know about **w**illiam **s**hakespeare.

- Is there anyone in this class who can tell us Booker t. washington's middle name?
- I loved the picture Alex just sent us that shows her two cats, pumpkin and snowball.
- Her daughter's favorite essay was written by Dr. Martin luther King, jr.
- If you are looking for a good dentist, you may want to try Joseph Dawes, d.d.s.
- The newspaper story announced the company's new chief financial officer: shawn t. moddes.
- When I get my first dog, a sheltie, I will name her lassie.
- The directions say to turn left at the street just after the sign that says "Marcia Ford, M.d."
- While at her friend Mandy's house, Suzi felt awkward every time mandy's mother called out, "Here, susie!" and the family's poodle came running.
- Did the magazine article you read quote Herbert Martin, sr., or Herbert Martin, jr.?
- When she was in high school, Jackie Joyner-kersee was on the basketball, volleyball, and track teams.

### EXERCISE B For each of the following types of common nouns, provide a corresponding proper noun. Be sure to capitalize each proper noun correctly.

**Example** Rebecca Lobo 1. name of a professional basketball player

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. pet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. U.S. president
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. person in your class (include first name, middle initial, and last name)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. doctor (followed by appropriate abbreviation)