



# Basic English

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**UNIT 1 • ACTIVITY 1****Proper Nouns**

On each line, write a logical proper noun. Remember, proper nouns are always capitalized.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a great supermarket.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is my favorite singer.
3. My dog, \_\_\_\_\_, plays fetch.
4. My favorite athlete is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I would like to visit \_\_\_\_\_ someday.
6. I buy music at \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was my first grade teacher.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is a good place to study.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is my dentist.
10. I rent videos at \_\_\_\_\_.
11. I like books by \_\_\_\_\_.
12. One monument I would like to visit is \_\_\_\_\_.

Replace each underlined common noun with a proper noun. Write the sentences with the proper noun on the line.

13. My teacher is at school by 7:30.  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. The coach is the football coach.  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. I read the local newspaper every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



## UNIT 4 • ACTIVITY 90

### Capitalization

Answer each question. Then write a sentence that shows the rule being applied.

1. Which word in a sentence is always capitalized? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the capitalization rule for titles of books, short stories, poems, plays, and songs?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What words are not capitalized in a title unless they are the first word? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What pronoun is always capitalized? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the capitalization rule for proper nouns and proper adjectives? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the capitalization rule for a title before a person's name? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

