

# PROPER NOUNS

“ By the time we finally got to Westover Hall, it was getting dark, and she'd told Annabeth and Thalia every embarrassing baby story there was to tell about me. ”

—From *Titan's Curse* by Rick Riordan, found by Ben Brody

## Teach it

1. Write this on the board

### Capitalize proper nouns

Ex:

(proper noun—name)
(proper noun—place)  
Phil flew to Dallas on  
(proper noun—name)  
Southwest Airlines.

### PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

**A:** Read the sentence, please.

**B:** *Phil flew to Dallas on Southwest Airlines.*

**A:** Great. Is Dallas capitalized?

**B:** It is.

**A:** Why?

**B:** We always capitalize proper nouns. Dallas is a specific place, which makes it a proper noun.

**A:** Are there any other proper nouns in this sentence?

**B:** Why yes, I do believe there are.

**A:** Like what?

**B:** Southwest Airlines is the name of a company, and Phil is a specific person. They are both proper nouns.

**A:** So they would get. . . .

**B:** Capitalized.

**A:** Perfect.



2. **Explain:**

We capitalize **proper nouns**, including persons' names, specific places, company names, and brands; titles of books, movies, songs, or other works; and names of religions, months, days of the weeks, and holidays. (Have students record these in their journal.)

Look at the example sentence. The underline means I intentionally made a grammatical choice here. The proof above the word shows that I know why I made the choice; I know the rule about **proper nouns**.

3. **Ask:** Who will try out this capitalization rule with me? (Enact the conversation.)
4. **Say:** Open to your grammar chart and find **capitalize proper nouns**. Let's jot down an example on the chart.

**Note:** On the grammar chart, you'll also find spots to add examples of proper nouns that are titles and religions.

## Model it

5. Project the journal entry and read it.
6. Ask volunteers to read the sentences with the **proper nouns** aloud. Ask each of them to explain the rule, that we capitalize proper nouns.

## Practice it

7. **Say:** In your journal today, try to use at least five **proper nouns**, underlining each use. Write the proof over each one.

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(proper noun)

**Titan Fall**

Finally I got to play the coolest game with over 75 awards. **Titan Fall** is like any

first person shooter except you get to run on walls. The coolest part is you get

to use a **Titan**. In other words, you get to use a giant robot or you can have the

robot follow you around. There are 3 **Titans**: the high defense tank class, the

speedy assault class, and the main one who is on the cover of the game **Atlas**.

You can choose to be an assassin, which uses cloaking, or a pilot which often

looks like a clone trooper.

—Alex Melchor  
Grade 7