



Using proper nouns

CAPS: Grade 6, Term 3

Language Structures & Conventions

Working with words and sentences:

Builds on use of proper nouns, e.g. with capital letter

Note

Proper nouns

Capital letters are always used when we write proper nouns.

- A proper noun can be the name of a person.
E.g. **Jane, Sizo, Vusi**
- A proper noun can be the name of place.
E.g. **Johannesburg, Pretoria, Soweto**
- A proper noun can also be the names of the days and the months
E.g. **Wednesday, December**
- We also use capital letters for initials because we are shortening the name.
E.g. **South African Broadcasting Corporation = SABC**

Activity 1

Look at this address:

Mr. Buttonstomp
16 Cherry Tree Drive
Finklewisk Village
Giggleswick
2040



- ① Imagine that you are writing a letter to the Principal of your school. Write the address as it would appear on the envelope in the box below.



Activity 2

Circle the proper nouns in each sentence. Then re-write the sentence correctly.

Example

annie was a teacher who lived in **cape town**

Annie was a teacher who lived in **Cape Town**.

① one saturday afternoon mrs. jones and themba drove to lesotho.

② simba smith moved from manchester united to kaiser chiefs last april.

③ nigeria, ghana and cameroon are all countries in africa.

④ nelson Mandela was the former president of south africa and had homes in johannesburg, cape town and the eastern cape.

⑤ naledi and lerato are going to europe in november to visit france, hungary and poland.

Teacher Tip

Display several incorrectly punctuated sentences at the start of the lesson and recap learner's existing knowledge about capital letters. Ask children if they can tell you what is wrong. Have several examples of un-punctuated proper nouns.

