

CAPITALIZATION STATIONS

Purpose: Students will practice proper grammar by identifying capitalization mistakes.

Suggested Grade Level: 2-5

Language Arts SOL: Writing 2.13, 3.10, 4.8, 5.8

Equipment/Materials Needed:

1. Copies of worksheets with incorrect capitalization
2. 10 half sheet of paper

Advanced Preparation:

1. Write out 10 sentences with incorrect capitalization. Under each sentence write NUMBER OF CAPITALIZATION ERRORS _____ X 5 = _____.(see pages 3&4)
2. Label each half sheet of paper with a number 1-10. (See pages 5-7 for examples)
3. Write an exercise on each half sheet.
Example: windmills, scissor kicks, cross crawls (See pages 5&6 for examples)
4. Place half sheets around the room.

Directions:

1. Tell students that they will be editing the sentences on the worksheet for capitalization errors.
2. Explain to the students that they will be assigned a starting number.
3. Assign each student a number 1-10 and have them circle that number on their paper to help them remember where they are to begin.
4. Instruct students to look on their paper at their assigned number and underline or circle each capitalization error in the sentence.
5. Have students write the number of errors in the sentence on the blank provided and then multiply that number by 5 and record the total.
6. Explain to students they are to then to find that same sentence number around the room and go to it.
7. Tell students when they arrive at that spot, they are to participate in that exercise the same number of times as their total errors times five.
8. Tell students they will then return to their desk and correct the next sentence on their paper and repeat the process. If students start at #3 when they return to their desk they will correct sentence #4 and then find that exercise then return and correct sentence #5 etc...Remind students that when they get to number 10 they will go to find number 1.
9. Explain that students will continue until they have corrected all of the sentences.
10. Review the answers with the class when everyone is complete.

Teaching Suggestions:

1. You may need to remind students how to do specific exercises.
2. Try to place the numbers randomly around the room so kids have to search for their numbers.
3. Test out the number of exercises you will have the students doing. You may not want to choose push ups if the answer is 35.
4. If some students finish early, have them move around the room in a clockwise fashion participating in the listed activities a set number of times for extra exercise.

Modifications/Variations:

1. Use this lesson for editing sentences for more than just capitalization.
2. Multiply by other numbers, or do not have them multiply at all if the number of errors is high.
3. Have more than 10 problems and stations.

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Name _____

Date _____

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DIRECTIONS: You will be assigned a starting sentence number. Underline the capitalization errors 3 times (correct editing notation). Then, participate in the exercise listed on that sheet, the same number of times as the number of errors multiplied by 5. Repeat these steps for the other sentences on the page.

1. i love when we get to go to mrs. cavanaugh's house for thanksgiving dinner.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ jumping jacks

2. cynthia and jonathan live on orchard hill lane with their mom, dad, and two dogs named charlie and lucky.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ scissor kicks

3. my birthday is in february which is the same month as valentine's day.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ heel raises

4. i am meeting susan and sally on wednesday to go to busch gardens.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ scissor kicks

5. i can go to tropical smoothie café on friday afternoon with john and chris.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ sky punches

6. most virginia schools go back to school in september, after labor day.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ arm circles

7. did you know that president barak obama is from chicago, illinois?

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ jumps

8. did you like your trip you took monday to the virginia living museum?

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ run in place

9. my grandparents live on jackson street in columbus, ohio.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ hop on one foot

10. it's the great pumpkin charlie brown, is on television this tuesday night.

Number of capitalization errors _____ x 5 = _____ jumping jacks