

# 1

## What is Grammar?

Here's an old children's rhyme about the eight parts of speech of English grammar. It gives you an idea of what grammar is about. Read and remember it.



Noun

Every name is called a **noun**,  
As *field* and *fountain*, *street* and *town*.

In place of noun the **pronoun** stands,  
As *he* and *she* can clap their hands.

Pronoun



Adjective

The **adjective** describes a thing,  
As *magic* wand or *bridal* ring.

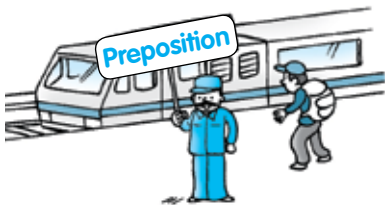
Most **verbs** mean action, something done,  
To *read* and *write*, to *jump* and *run*.

Verb

How things are done the **adverbs** tell,

As *quickly*, *slowly*, *badly*, *well*.

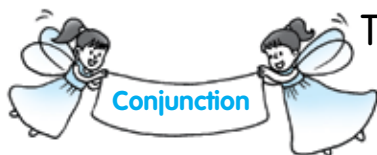
The **preposition** shows relation,  
As *in* the street or *at* the station.



Preposition

**Conjunctions** join, in many ways,

Sentences, words, *or* phrase *and* phrase.

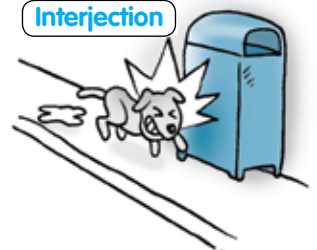


Conjunction

The **interjection** cries out, "*Heed!*"

An exclamation point must  
follow me!"

Interjection



# 2

## The Capital Letter

The **capital letter** is also called a **big letter** or **uppercase** letter, or sometimes just a **capital**.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

When do you use a capital letter?

- ▶ Use a capital letter for the first letter in a sentence:

**T**he dog is barking.

**C**ome here!

- ▶ Always use a capital letter for the word **I**:

**I**am eight years old.

Tom and **I**are good friends.

- ▶ Use a capital letter for the names of people:

**A**lice, **T**om, **J**ames, **K**im, **S**now **W**hite

- ▶ Use a capital letter for the names of places:

**N**ational **M**useum, **B**ronx **Z**oo, **L**ondon, **S**acramento

- ▶ Use a capital letter for festivals, holidays, days of the week, months of the year:

**N**ew **Y**ear's **D**ay, **C**hristmas, **L**abor **D**ay, **M**other's **D**ay,  
**S**unday, **M**onday, **F**riday, **J**anuary, **M**ay, **J**uly, **O**ctober



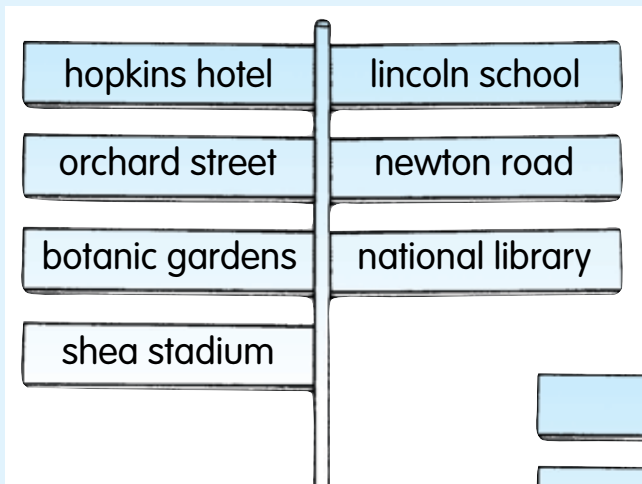
## Exercise 1

Circle the letters that should be CAPITALS. Then write the correct letter in the space above them.

- 1 peter and i are good friends.
- 2 we are going to chicago during our summer vacation.
- 3 there is an interesting football game on sunday.
- 4 jason lives on thomson avenue.
- 5 january is the first month of the year.

## Exercise 2

Look at the signs on the left. Can you find the mistakes? Write the names correctly.



# 3

# Nouns

## Common Nouns

**Nouns** are divided into **common nouns** and **proper nouns**. **Common nouns** are words for people, animals, places, or things.

These are words for people. They are common nouns.



artist



clown

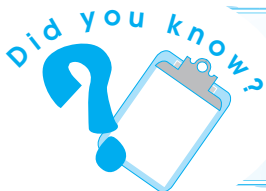
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### Word File

Here are more words for people:

actor	lawyer
aunt	judge
baby	man
baker	nurse
cook	police officer
dentist	singer
doctor	soldier
giant	teacher

astronaut



Another word for **astronaut** is **spaceman** or **spacewoman**.

