Title Detective

Notice which words use capital letters in titles.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.2a "Capitalize appropriate words in titles."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word in quotation marks that starts with a capital letter. Circle each lowercase word inside those titles to notice how titles are capitalized.

Library Display Day

1. On Monday, Maya helped Ms. Chen build a library display about animals. They chose a book called "The Lion and the Mouse." Maya copied the title onto a card and placed it beside the book. A drawing of a lion stood near the card. Students could see the book cover and the title card as they entered the library.

2. At the next table, Jordan added a music book. Its cover had the song title "Over the River and Through the Wood." He wrote the same words on a label. Then he set out an art book named "A Colorful World." The labels helped visitors find books about music and art. Jordan checked that each title looked like the title on its cover.

3. Before lunch, Ms. Chen brought a movie guide to the display. Maya picked the film "Journey to the Center of the Earth." Jordan chose "My Friend the Dolphin." They put both names on cards. A classmate asked why some short words had small letters. Maya pointed to the cards, then compared the capital letters with the words on the movie guide.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In "The Lion and the Mouse," write the three words that begin with capital letters.

2. Copy the song title exactly as it appears in the passage.

3. In "Journey to the Center of the Earth," which words are lowercase?

4. Write the art book title with correct capital letters.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make up a title for a book about a child who explores a cave. Write the title with correct capital letters, and underline every word that begins with a capital letter.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each word in quotation marks that starts with a capital letter. Circle each lowercase word inside those titles to notice how titles are capitalized. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In "The Lion and the Mouse," write the three words that begin with capital letters.	**The, Lion, Mouse**
2	Copy the song title exactly as it appears in the passage.	**Over the River and Through the Wood**
3	In "Journey to the Center of the Earth," which words are lowercase?	**to, the, of, the**
4	Write the art book title with correct capital letters.	**A Colorful World**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A Child Explores the Cave

Accept student-created titles that capitalize the first and last words and important words. Accept lowercase short articles, conjunctions, and prepositions when they are not the first or last word.