Place Name Check

Sort place names by their capital letters.

3.5.W.3 "Students will capitalize and punctuate titles of respect, words in titles, and geographical names."

NAME _____ DATE _____

READY TO PRINT

The important words in this place name start with capital letters.

Sahara Desert

NEEDS CAPITAL LETTERS

One or more important words in this place name need capital letters.

rocky mountains

1 SORT

8 items

Circle READY or FIX for each place name; in Part 2, choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.

1.	Grand Canyon	READY FIX
2.	Lake Michigan	READY FIX
3.	atlantic ocean	READY FIX
4.	Pacific Ocean	READY FIX
5.	mississippi river	READY FIX
6.	black sea	READY FIX
7.	mount everest	READY FIX
8.	Niagara Falls	READY FIX

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new place name that is ready to print and one that needs capital letters; do not copy a name from this page.

READY _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using a place name with two important words, and capitalize both words correctly.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Grand Canyon	**READY**	Both words in the place name begin with capital letters.
2	Lake Michigan	**READY**	Both words in the place name begin with capital letters.
3	atlantic ocean	**FIX**	Atlantic and Ocean need capital letters.
4	Pacific Ocean	**READY**	Both words in the place name begin with capital letters.
5	mississippi river	**FIX**	Mississippi and River need capital letters.
6	black sea	**FIX**	Black and Sea need capital letters.
7	mount everest	**FIX**	Mount and Everest need capital letters.
8	Niagara Falls	**READY**	Both words in the place name begin with capital letters.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **READY**: Indian Ocean
- **FIX**: yellow river

Challenge: We visited Death Valley in the spring.

For Part 2, accept an explanation that points out the capital letters present or missing in one READY item and one FIX item. Part 3 samples are Indian Ocean for READY and yellow river for FIX.