Place Name Check

Sort place names, explain two choices, then write your own.

9-10.L.2.d "Use standard English spelling and capitalization."

NAME _____ DATE _____

STANDARD CAPITALIZATION

The words in a specific place name have the capital letters they need.

Tourists photographed Victoria Falls.

NEEDS A CAPITAL LETTER

At least one word in a specific place name needs a capital letter.

Researchers studied the sahara Desert.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle STANDARD or REVISE based on the capitalization of its place name.

1. Our class visited seattle. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
2. My uncle lives in Alaska. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
3. A postcard arrived from Nairobi. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
4. We paddled across lake Ontario. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
5. Maya traveled to Peru. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
6. Ravi climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
7. Ella toured Lisbon. **STANDARD** **REVISE**
8. Tariq flew to new Mexico. **STANDARD** **REVISE**

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 2: Choose two numbered items and explain how you knew where each belonged. Part 3: Write one new sentence for each category, using a different place name in each sentence.

STANDARD _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence travel note with one correctly capitalized place name and one place name that needs a capital letter; then rewrite the second sentence correctly.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Our class visited seattle.	**REVISE**	Seattle is a city name and needs a capital S.
2	My uncle lives in Alaska.	**STANDARD**	Alaska is correctly capitalized.
3	A postcard arrived from Nairobi.	**STANDARD**	Nairobi is correctly capitalized.
4	We paddled across lake Ontario.	**REVISE**	Lake is part of the name Lake Ontario and needs a capital L.
5	Maya traveled to Peru.	**STANDARD**	Peru is correctly capitalized.
6	Ravi climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.	**STANDARD**	Both words in Mount Kilimanjaro are correctly capitalized.
7	Ella toured Lisbon.	**STANDARD**	Lisbon is correctly capitalized.
8	Tariq flew to new Mexico.	**REVISE**	New is part of the name New Mexico and needs a capital N.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **STANDARD**: My aunt traveled to Japan.
- **REVISE**: We drove through texas.

Challenge: We walked through Central Park. Later, we drove to boston. Later, we drove to Boston.

Items 1, 4, and 8 need revision; items 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 use standard capitalization. Accept explanations that identify the place name and specify which word does or does not need a capital letter.