

# Capital Sky Names

Read a model passage and examine how capitals identify specific names.

**8.10.D.v** "correct capitalization;"

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## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline every capitalized word or group of words that names a specific person, place, organization, publication, date, or celestial body. Then circle the capital letters that begin those names to notice how capitalization signals specific names.

### Watching the Shadow

- ① On April 8, 2024, millions of people across North America watched a total solar eclipse. In the United States, the path of totality crossed Texas, Arkansas, Indiana, and Maine. During totality, the Moon completely covered the Sun for a few minutes. Scientists from NASA placed instruments along the path to study the Sun's outer atmosphere, called the corona. Communities prepared viewing events, and many schools adjusted their schedules so students could observe safely with approved eclipse glasses.
- ② People used maps published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, to learn when the eclipse would reach their towns. In Carbondale, Illinois, visitors gathered at parks and libraries. Some families traveled from Canada and Mexico, where the eclipse was also visible. Reporters for the Chicago Tribune interviewed viewers about the sudden darkness and cooler air. Although an eclipse is exciting, experts warned everyone to protect their eyes. Looking directly at the Sun without a proper filter can cause permanent damage.
- ③ The eclipse also brought people together for public science programs. At the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, educators explained why eclipses do not happen every month. The Moon's orbit is tilted, so it usually passes above or below the Sun from Earth's point of view. After the event, students in Ms. Rivera's eighth-grade class compared observations with students in Dayton, Ohio. Their notes showed that clouds, location, and timing shaped what each group saw. Such shared observations help scientists and citizens ask better questions about the natural world.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Copy the full name of the federal agency and its abbreviation as they appear in paragraph 2.

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- 2 List the four state names in paragraph 1 that begin with capital letters.

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- 3 What newspaper title in paragraph 2 has each main word capitalized?

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- 4 Copy the sentence in paragraph 3 that correctly capitalizes both a title with a person's name and a place name.

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## 3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences about a real or imagined community event. Include a person's title and name, a specific place, and an organization or publication title, and capitalize each correctly.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline every capitalized word or group of words that names a specific person, place, organization, publication, date, or celestial body. Then circle the capital letters that begin those names to notice how capitalization signals specific names. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                        | ANSWER                                                                                                                   |
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| 1 | Copy the full name of the federal agency and its abbreviation as they appear in paragraph 2.                    | <b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA</b>                                                          |
| 2 | List the four state names in paragraph 1 that begin with capital letters.                                       | <b>Texas, Arkansas, Indiana, and Maine</b>                                                                               |
| 3 | What newspaper title in paragraph 2 has each main word capitalized?                                             | <b>Chicago Tribune</b>                                                                                                   |
| 4 | Copy the sentence in paragraph 3 that correctly capitalizes both a title with a person's name and a place name. | <b>After the event, students in Ms. Rivera's eighth-grade class compared observations with students in Dayton, Ohio.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Dr. Patel invited residents to the Lincoln Park Cleanup on Saturday. The Greenway Alliance shared the plan in the River City Gazette.

Accept correctly capitalized proper nouns copied exactly from the passage for Questions 1 through 4. For Part 3, accept any two sentences that include all required kinds of names and capitalize them correctly.