Capital Letter Safari

Notice how a model journal capitalizes special names.

3.LU.2.C "Capitalize holidays, names, and places."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's name, circle each place name, and draw a box around each holiday name. These capital letters help readers recognize special names.

A Year of Visits

1. On Saturday, Maya Lopez visited the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C., with her uncle Carlos. They watched two giant pandas, Bao Li and Qing Bao, munching bamboo. Carlos explained that the zoo is part of the Smithsonian Institution. Maya sketched the pandas in her notebook and wrote the date beside her picture. She hoped to return during spring break.

2. Before Thanksgiving, Maya's class made cards for neighbors at Maple Grove Senior Center. Their teacher, Ms. Patel, told them to write each person's name carefully. Maya addressed a card to Mr. James Reed and drew a bright turkey. On Thanksgiving Day, Maya brought the card to the center with her family. Mr. Reed thanked her and placed it near the window.

3. In December, Maya planned a trip with Carlos to San Antonio, Texas, where her aunt lives. They wanted to see the River Walk lights before Christmas. Aunt Elena said they could also visit the Alamo and eat breakfast tacos. Maya wrote a note for her calendar: "Christmas in San Antonio with Carlos and Aunt Elena." She checked that every holiday, person's name, and place name began with a capital letter.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write Maya's uncle's name exactly as it appears in the passage.

2. What holiday did Maya's class prepare for? Write its name correctly.

3. Write the city and state Maya plans to visit.

4. What place did Maya and Carlos want to see before Christmas? Write its name correctly.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a visit or celebration you invent. Include one holiday, two people's names, and one place, and capitalize each special name.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each person's name, circle each place name, and draw a box around each holiday name. These capital letters help readers recognize special names. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write Maya's uncle's name exactly as it appears in the passage.	**Carlos**
2	What holiday did Maya's class prepare for? Write its name correctly.	**Thanksgiving**
3	Write the city and state Maya plans to visit.	**San Antonio, Texas**
4	What place did Maya and Carlos want to see before Christmas? Write its name correctly.	**River Walk**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Labor Day, Jordan Kim and Ava Ortiz visited Lakeview Park. They flew a kite near the pond.

Accept answers that match the passage and use correct capitalization. For Part 3, accept any original two sentences that include a capitalized holiday, two people's names, and a place name.