



Don't you want to improve your technical English skills & comprehension? Then test your understanding by reading below, and then use the 'Questionnaire link' to answer questions, which are based on these texts. Please send your answers ⇒ Mr. 'H', LTE News Editor.

Grammar - Capitalization Usage: After many interesting requests from our LTE News respondents, I have decided to act on one, which is to help you with your *English* grammar skills. In this last sentence lies the essence of working on capitalization usage, because any *language*, or for that matter *race, nationality or religion* should be CAPITALIZED!

Some further hints & rules about capitalization can be found in the photo & captioned insert of America's former President, JFK. *Can you find them?*

Viewing this as a way to help you with your technical English communication skills for publications or 'white Papers', next month's LTE Newsletter will return to a Life Science topic. Good luck on answering the questions linked to 'Questionnaire.'



John F. Kennedy was the 35th President of the USA. JFK was a Democratic Party member and had written the book, "Profiles in Courage". He was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on November 23, 1963

Nine Basic Capitalization Rules & Usage (out of 24)*

Examples of Capitalization Rules	Example in a sentence
1. First word of a sentence	"I don't need to know everything", Matt said, "if I can find information when I need it."
2. The pronoun, 'I'	Jennifer and I went to the movies yesterday
3. Initials of names	My brother's favorite author is H.G. Wells, who wrote the science fiction novel, 'War of the Worlds'
4. First letter of directions only when they are used to designate actual places, not when they point in a direction	When we visited the USA's Southwest, we actually had to drive north.
5. First letter of important words in a title of a book, magazine, story, essay, etc.	I like JFK's book, "Profiles in Courage"
6. All nouns referring to the deity (God/Gods in other beliefs) & sacred books	Ten Commandments, the Bible, the Koran, Vishnu, Buddha, Jesus Christ, Moses, Mohammed
7. Official titles before names (however <u>not</u> in the following exemplary case; <i>The president of M&W will address the board of directors today</i>)	President John F. Kennedy, Queen Elizabeth, Mayor Bloomberg, Chancellor Merkel, Senator Obama
8. Names of specific educational or scientific courses, university departments, etc.	Columbia University's Economics Department, Biology 101, Intermediate English Writing
9. Historical events	World War I, the Renaissance, the Crusades

***Sources: Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Blue Book of Grammar & Punctuation**

Check your understanding Capitalization Usage!



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Life Science/Medical Research

Gates Foundation's Influence Criticized; NY Times, Feb. 16, 2008

The chief of malaria for the World Health Organization has complained that the growing dominance of malaria research by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation risks stifling of views among scientists and wiping out the world health agency's policy-making functions.



Gates Foundation contributing philanthropist Warren Buffett with Bill & Melinda Gates, Directors of the Gates Foundation

The Gates Foundation poured about \$1.2 billion into malaria research since 2000. In the late 1990s, as little as \$84 million a year was spent - largely by the US military and health institutes, along with European governments and foundations. Drug makers had largely abandoned the field. (China was developing a drug, Artemisinin that is now the cornerstone of treatment.)

WHO is an agency of the UN with a \$4 bill. budget. It gives advice on policies, evaluates treatments — especially for poor countries — maintains a network of laboratories and sends teams to fight outbreaks of diseases, like avian flu or Ebola. It finances little research; for diseases of the poor, the Gates Foundation is the world's biggest donor.

Food & Beverage

Evaluation of Dietary Heavy Metal Intake; Institute for Food Technology Newsletter, Feb. 20, 2008

Diets with high amounts of whole grains may help achieve significant weight loss, and also reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease, according to a team of Penn State researchers, College of Medicine.

The researchers recruited 50 obese adults -- 25 male and 25 female -- between ages 20 to 65 and known to have metabolic syndrome, a cluster of symptoms that increase the risk of developing cardiovascular disease and diabetes. They were randomly assigned to either a group that received instructions to have all of their grain servings from whole grains or all of their grain servings from refined grains.

The study's findings are published in the January 2008 issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Personal Care

Good News! The Cosmetics & Toiletries' REACH Question & Answer Round Table with Dr. Annelie Struessmann, Technical Director **CONUSBAT** & REACH 'Only Representative' is now online;

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