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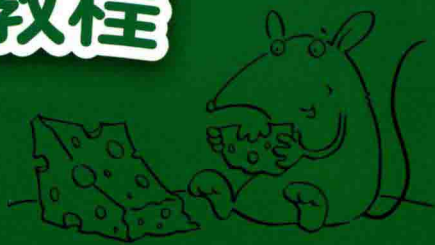
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## Capital Letters and Full Stops

A capital letter is always used at the beginning of a sentence.

A capital letter is also used for:

- the name of a person, place, day or month
- the name of a special day or festival
- the letter "I" when used on its own

A full stop (.) is used to end a sentence.

**A** Rewrite these sentences using capital letters and full stops.

1. the leader and i did not agree about the trip to italy  
*The leader and I did not agree about the trip to Italy.*
2. when i am older i would like to go skiing in the alps
3. my friend and i go horse-riding in county wicklow on saturday mornings
4. his sisters went to russia to study last september
5. last christmas we went ice-skating and i sprained my ankle
6. i love making and sending cards to people on saint valentine's day
7. every june our town hosts the alive arts festival which has lots of exhibitions
8. barry and i were in scotland for the hogmanay festival on new year's eve

Capital letters are also used for:

- languages: I speak fluent French.
- nationalities: I am Russian.
- titles of books, films and magazines: I saw the film *Little Women*.

**B** Rewrite these sentences using capital letters and full stops.

1. i study german in school every thursday | *study German in school every Thursday.*
2. i am an american but i live in ireland
3. the taoiseach and some of our politicians speak irish in the dáil
4. my favourite book, *the little prince*, was translated from french
5. i love reading about english soccer players in *match* magazine
6. eid is a muslim festival to celebrate the end of ramadan
7. australia is both a country and a continent
8. chinese new year is also known as the spring festival

**C** Read the paragraph very carefully. Rewrite it correctly in your copy.

ireland is an island but we belong to the continent of europe we are also members of the european union this means that we elect irish politicians to represent us in europe there are many other members, including england, spain, france and germany there are many languages spoken throughout europe but a lot of the discussions in the parliament take place in english or german

*Ireland is an island but we belong to the continent of Europe.*

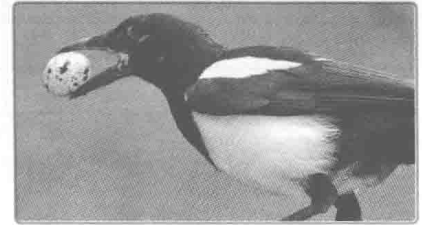
## Pica Pica ∩

Pica pica is the old name for a magpie. Magpies are clever birds with big brains. When they look in a mirror, they know they are looking at themselves. However, they also have some bad habits. They are aggressive and are prepared to fight to keep what they have. They can be lazy, sometimes taking up to 40 days to build a nest. Their nests are untidy and – worst of all – they steal. They steal from other nests – twigs, grass and even eggs! Magpies also steal shiny items such as rings and chains.

### The Untidy Nest

Long ago, the wise old owl was teaching the birds to make nests. They were all listening and learning, except for one – Pica pica, the magpie. Every time the owl spoke, the clever, confident magpie would say, “Caw, caw! I knew that before!”. After a while the other birds got fed up with the magpie. “Well, if you know it all, you can finish your nest yourself,” said the owl. The birds flew away and left the chattering magpie alone. That is why, to this day, the magpie is slow at building a nest and steals from other birds. An untidy, half-made bundle of sticks is the best he can produce.

This story is a fable. A fable is a story that is made up but that teaches a message. Fables usually include animals, birds or plants that “talk”. Fables make us think because there are elements of truth in them.



### A Answer the questions.

1. What is the old name for a magpie? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name three features of the magpie.
  - (i) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name two things that a magpie might steal. (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does a magpie's nest look like? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is a fable? \_\_\_\_\_

### B True (✓) or False (X)?

The magpie...		Fables are stories that...	
is quick at building a nest	X	teach a message	
steals from other birds		may have birds as characters	
is very intelligent		are only for adults	
is king of the birds		are always true	
can be very untidy		are always sad	

### C Imagine... Draw pictures of 1. a magpie's nest and 2. something a magpie might steal.

# Unit 1 - Word Study

**A** Comprehension. Similes make interesting comparisons. Ring the word that completes each simile.

1.	as easy as	abc	animals	5.	as plain as	day	patterns
2.	as cool as a	cucumber	cone	6.	as bold as	angels	brass
3.	as cold as	apples	ice	7.	as wise as an	elephant	owl
4.	as good as	trees	gold	8.	as black as	leaves	coal

**B** Vocabulary. Ring the correct word to complete each comparison.

1.	Bread is to baker as house is to	builder	florist	chemist	teacher
2.	Stop is to go as rough is to	fast	kind	smooth	sharp
3.	Snow is to white as sky is to	pink	green	silver	blue
4.	Bath is to bathroom as bed is to	sleep	bedroom	comfy	mattress

**C** Word Structure. Add a second syllable to make a word.

1.	trac/tor	5.	happ/	9.	per/
2.	plas/	6.	far/	10.	nibb/
3.	may/	7.	par/	11.	fam/
4.	wiz/	8.	hol/	12.	pup/

**D** Think, plan, write... Write a short poem on the theme of "Birds".

- Step 1: Think of a title, for example, "My Garden", "The Robin", "The Mighty Magpie", "A Crow in Snow".
- Step 2: Choose key words and complete the rhyming table.
- Step 3: Plan one, two or three short verses. Write the poem.
- Step 4: Draw a sketch of your poem. Sign your name. Well done!

Key words	nest				
Rhyming word 1	best				
Rhyming word 2	rest				

**E** Teaser Time

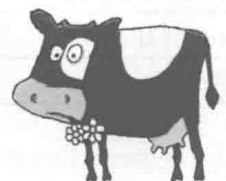
1. Use the alphabet to answer the questions.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- (i) How many letters are there between G and N? 6
- (ii) How many vowels are there in the alphabet?
- (iii) How many letters have a curve?
- (iv) Which letter is the same number of letters from M and from Q?

2. Spot the error. Underline one wrong word in each sentence.

- (i) He asked for a match to light the electric fire.
- (ii) The cow was in the field with her young foal.
- (iii) The newborn kittens could only drink milkshakes.



**A** Vocabulary. Match the related words. Use each word only once.

beak paws whiskers tusks bottle-nose blubber scales udders shell stripes

1. zebra		6. dolphin	
2. bird		7. cat	
3. tortoise		8. whale	
4. dog		9. salmon	
5. cow		10. elephant	
			Score <input type="text"/>

**B** Comprehension. Based on information from "Pica Pica", are these sentences true (✓) or false (✗)?

1. Magpies are clever birds.		6. Magpies build their nests quickly.	
2. A fable is a true story.		7. Magpies do not recognise themselves in mirrors.	
3. Magpies are gentle birds.		8. Fables often include talking animals.	
4. Magpies have very untidy nests.		9. The wise owl built all the nests.	
5. Magpies are thieves.		10. Fables are only for adults.	
			Score <input type="text"/>

**C** Grammar. Rewrite the sentences using capital letters and full stops.

- My brother and i went to Spain \_\_\_\_\_
- I have read *treasure Island* \_\_\_\_\_
- Saint patrick's Day is in march. \_\_\_\_\_
- My cousins live in bordeaux \_\_\_\_\_
- my favourite day is friday. \_\_\_\_\_

Score

**D** Dictation. A passage will be read aloud. Write the text accurately. 

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Score

**E** Spelling. Ten words will be read aloud. Listen and write them correctly. 

1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	
			Score <input type="text"/>

## Nouns 1

A **noun** is often called a naming word because it names a person, place, animal or thing.

Nouns are divided into two main groups: **proper nouns** and **common nouns**.

A **proper noun** is the name of a particular person, place or thing.

Examples: Gerald, Brazil, Liffey

A **common noun** is a name shared in common with everything of the same kind.

If you are a girl, you share the name "girl" with millions of other girls.

Examples: river, man, city, cheese

**A** Divide the following nouns into common nouns and proper nouns.

Patrick    hospital    Roscommon    Mrs Roberts    Dundalk    kettle    town  
 Bundoran    rose    Shannon    Egypt    Norway    boy    Rose    supermarket  
                          snake    ruler    toothbrush

### Proper nouns

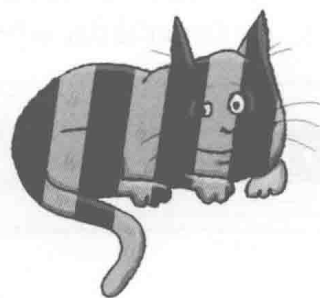
1.	Patrick	4.		7.	
2.		5.		8.	
3.		6.		9.	

### Common nouns

1.	hospital	4.		7.	
2.		5.		8.	
3.		6.		9.	

**B** Write **P** beside each proper noun and **C** beside each common noun.

- The cat (C) lives in Kilkenny (P).
- Mrs Murphy ( ) has a budgie ( ) in a cage ( ).
- The bus ( ) travelled from Limerick ( ) to Dublin ( ).
- The athlete ( ) will compete in the Olympics ( ).
- There is a new station master ( ) in Heuston Station ( ).
- Daniel ( ) bought a lovely shirt ( ) in Paris ( ).
- Robert ( ) always buys popcorn ( ) at the cinema ( ).
- Niamh ( ) is hoping to play for Tipperary ( ).

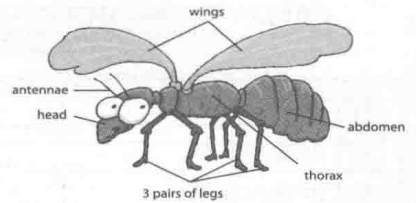


**C** Fill in the blanks using a proper noun or a common noun.

\_\_\_\_\_ has a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_. She grows all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ in it but the roses are her favourite. She lives in \_\_\_\_\_ so the weather is usually mild. Every \_\_\_\_\_ she plants \_\_\_\_\_. First she digs a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ for each seed. Once the seed is covered, she waters the \_\_\_\_\_. Over time, \_\_\_\_\_ appear, followed by beautifully coloured \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes very excited when this happens. The garden takes up a lot of her time. The \_\_\_\_\_ must be cut and the \_\_\_\_\_ must be weeded regularly. Next \_\_\_\_\_ her garden will be judged in a local gardening \_\_\_\_\_. We wish her the best of luck.

## Insect Inspect

There are insects everywhere – under the ground, in the air and on plants and animals. The word insect means “cut into sections”. Insects have three sections – the head, the thorax (middle part) and the abdomen (tummy). They have three pairs of legs, and many insects have two pairs of wings. Insects also have antennae. Antennae are like feelers or detectors attached to the insect’s head. Spiders have four pairs of legs and are arachnids, not insects.



Most insects hatch from eggs. Insects can walk, many can also fly, and some can even swim. Most insects live alone, but some – like wasps, bees and ants – live in groups or colonies, which are large groups that work together.

People often think all insects are pests, but insects can be helpful. They carry pollen from flower to flower, and they are an important source of food for some plants and other insects or animals.

Some insects have lovely colours. Others, such as moths, protect themselves by having the same colours as their environment. This is a type of camouflage and helps them to avoid danger.

### INSECT FACTS

- ★ Ladybirds and butterflies are colourful.
- ★ Dragonflies are colourful insects that are found in, on or near water during the summer.
- ★ Bees and wasps look quite alike, but only bees collect pollen to make honey. Bees live in hives and have a queen as their leader.
- ★ Ants live in colonies. They often move around in large groups and can appear through cracks in paths or walls!
- ★ Moths are similar to butterflies but they are nocturnal insects, which means they come out at night. Their dull colours protect them because they are well camouflaged. Moths are attracted to lights and can be annoying when they fly around the light bulbs in our homes.
- ★ Flies, such as bluebottles, are also unwelcome in our homes because they land on food.

#### A Answer the questions.

1. Name the three sections of an insect. (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why is a spider not an insect? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How can insects be helpful? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which three insects do *you* see most often? (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What does camouflage help some insects avoid? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which insect do you think is the most (i) interesting? \_\_ (ii) annoying? \_\_ (iii) helpful? \_\_

#### B Who am I? Write the name of the insect.

1.	A bluebottle is one.	fly	3.	I can appear from any crack!	
2.	I collect pollen to make honey.		4.	I am like a butterfly but come out at night.	

- #### C Imagine... You are a bee for a day. Describe your day. Tell how you live and work. Explain how you can be helpful and why you sometimes have to sting! Tell also what can make you scared.

## Unit 2 - Word Study

- A** Comprehension. Similes make interesting comparisons. Choose the word that completes each simile.

bird ice teapot flower lamb gold hatter day

1.	as cold as	ice	5.	as useless as a	
2.	as good as		6.	as innocent as a	
3.	as free as a		7.	as delicate as a	
4.	as plain as		8.	as mad as a	

- B** Vocabulary. Name the common noun that describes each group.

1.	x	y	v	z	w	letters
2.	Nissan	Ford	Renault	Toyota	BMW	
3.	Russian	English	Japanese	Italian	Spanish	
4.	boots	runners	shoes	slippers	sandals	
5.	gas	oil	petrol	diesel	coal	
6.	apple	pear	sycamore	cherry	beech	

- C** Word Structure. Choose the letter string that fits all the words in each row.

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- D** Think, plan, write... Write a summary of "Insect Inspect". Map out the main points first.

Opening fact	Fact 2	Fact 3	Fact 4	Closing fact
Insects everywhere				

### E Teaser Time

1. Add one letter to each word to make a new word. Do not use plurals. The letter can be placed anywhere in the word.

(i)	tree	three	(iv)	well	(vii)	lock
(ii)	end		(v)	elect	(viii)	high
(iii)	oat		(vi)	ink	(ix)	print

2. What am I? Use the clues and rearrange the letters to find the answers.

- (i) I rise each morning but I am never in bed. (usn) \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) I start green, I finish brown, and in between I'm yellow. (nnaaab) \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) The more you take away, the more of me you leave behind. (leoh) \_\_\_\_\_

**A** Vocabulary. Write the words that match the descriptions.

Words beginning with "w"			Words beginning with "l"		
1.	animal found in clay		6.	spotted insect, mainly red	
2.	insect that stings		7.	they fall in autumn	
3.	a type of nut		8.	sweet-singing bird	
4.	a season of the year		9.	leafy part of salad	
5.	boot for wet weather		10.	insects have six of them	

Score 

**B** Comprehension. Based on information from "Insect Inspect", ring the correct ending for each sentence.


1.	The word insect means	small creature	cut into sections	creepy
2.	The abdomen is the	disease	type of insect	stomach
3.	Some insects carry pollen	from flower to flower	to their nest	in a pouch
4.	Moths	love daylight	are nocturnal	are colourful
5.	Ants live	alone	in colonies	for 20 years
6.	Bees and wasps	are the same	make honey	look alike
7.	Antennae are like	feelers	feet	wings
8.	Most insects	give birth	hatch from seeds	hatch from eggs
9.	Camouflage is a way of	walking	hiding	hunting
10.	Bluebottles	land on food	cannot fly	live underground

Score 

**C** Grammar. Underline one proper noun and one common noun in each sentence.

1. Michael is a teenage boy.
2. Roquefort is a city famous for its cheese.
3. The Barrow is a river that flows through Carlow.
4. Many horses and dogs race at the track in Dundalk.
5. Our teacher is a woman called Ms Morrissey.

Score 

**D** Dictation. A passage will be read aloud. Write the text accurately. 

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Score 

**E** Spelling. Ten words will be read aloud. Listen and write them correctly. 

1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

Score

