

Lesson 75**Capitalization of Names of Places**

Capitalize the names of cities, counties, states, countries, and continents.

Minneapolis **Monroe County** **Alabama** **France** **Africa**

Capitalize the names of bodies of water and geographical features.

Lake Huron **Bay of Bengal** **Sierra Madre Mountains** **English Channel**

Capitalize the names of sections of the country.

the Northeast **the Deep South** **the Great Plains** **New England**

Do not capitalize compass points that indicate direction. Do not capitalize adjectives formed from words indicating direction.

east of Toledo **northerly wind** **southern Illinois** **eastern Oregon**

Capitalize the names of streets and highways, buildings, bridges, and monuments.

Lakeshore Drive **Washington Monument** **Silver Bridge** **Wrigley Building**

► **Exercise 1** Draw three lines under each letter that should be capitalized. Draw a slash (/) through each letter that should be lowercase.

Driving up fifth avenue, we suddenly saw the Silvery Top of the chrysler bilding.

1. Two hundred years ago, all of the country's largest cities were located in the northeast and along the Atlantic ocean.
2. These cities, including boston, New york, Philadelphia, and baltimore, are still large and important places.
3. Our nation's Capital is part of this string of Eastern cities.
4. However, as Americans moved West, they built other large cities.
5. Once settlers crossed the appalachian mountains, cities began to grow.
6. Towns such as Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and cleveland were founded on important Bodies of Water.
7. The Great lakes, the Ohio river, and the Mississippi river were natural places for cities.

8. New states like illinois, missouri, and minnesota had joined the union, and their cities soon became new Centers of power.
9. For example, St. Louis, near the junction of the missouri river and the mississippi river, quickly became a vital center of transportation.
10. One of the most important American ports was new orleans.
11. However, even these great cities of the Central United States were surpassed by others in the 1900s.
12. Large numbers of people moved West and South seeking a good climate and a better life.
13. Because of this explosive growth, the area known as the sun belt is now the fastest-growing part of the United States.
14. Cities such as los Angeles, San francisco, and Phoenix have grown into important business and cultural centers.
15. As such cities as Phoenix rise in population, others, such as detroit, fall.

► **Exercise 2** Draw three lines under each letter that should be capitalized. Draw a slash (/) through each letter that should be lowercase. Write *C* in the blank if the sentence is correct.

- _____ My mother works in the Eastern part of our city near euclid.
- _____ 1. She travels between the Atlantic ocean and the Pacific ocean.
- _____ 2. Her company's main office is in Yonkers, North of New York city.
- _____ 3. She spends much of her time visiting companies in the Midwest.
- _____ 4. That's convenient because we live in Cleveland, ohio, near the Shores of lake erie.
- _____ 5. Mom can get to the airport by driving west on Lake Shore Drive.
- _____ 6. Once she brought me a model of the Sears tower in Chicago.
- _____ 7. Another time she brought me a pennant from the silverdome in pontiac, michigan, the home of the detroit Lions.
- _____ 8. She has also been to Pittsburgh, in Western Pennsylvania.