Study Guide

Titles
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**Titles**At this level, the student should be able to correctly capitalize the titles of books, magazines, and newspapers.

When capitalizing titles, it is important for the student to remember that each word in the title will be capitalized except the following:
 Do not capitalize articles unless they are the first or last word in a title. Articles are *a*, *an*, and *the*.

 Do not capitalize coordinating conjunctions unless they are the first or last word in a title.
 Coordinating conjunctions are: *and*, *but*, *or*, *yet*, *nor*, and *for* (when it is used as "because").

 Do not capitalize prepositions unless they are the first or last word in a title. Some prepositions include *between*, *under*, *above*, *in*, *on*, *with*, *of*, *for*, *to*, *over*, and *beneath*.

Book Titles
 Incorrect: We read cooking pasta for the whole family for our home economics class.
 Correct: We read Cooking Pasta for the Whole Family for our home economics class.

 Incorrect: Does the library have racso and the rats of nimh available for check out?
 Correct: Does the library have Racso and the Rats of Nimh available for check out?

Magazine Titles
 Incorrect: My mother receives how to tend to your perfect garden each month in the mail.
 Correct: My mother receives How to Tend to Your Perfect Garden each month in the mail.

 Incorrect: Uncle Victor subscribes to the trouble with being in between.
 Correct: Uncle Victor subscribes to The Trouble with Being in Between.

Newspaper Titles
 Incorrect: My cousin, Yousef, paid thirty-five cents for the boston globe.
 Correct: My cousin, Yousef, paid thirty-five cents for The Boston Globe.

 Incorrect: Angelina delivers new york newsday each morning.
 Correct: Angelina delivers New York Newsday each morning.

**Practice:**

A good way for the student to practice capitalizing titles is to compose creative titles for items around the house. The student will need markers, crayons, and construction paper. Using these supplies, have the student make signs for specific articles or rooms. Though these items will not be newspapers, magazines, or books, this activity will help the student learn which words in titles are capitalized and which words are not.

Here are some examples:

Instead of *the kitchen*, use The Place Where Dad Once Burned the Chicken.
Instead of *my favorite sneakers*, use Shoes I Wear When I Need a Boost.
This activity can be enjoyable for all, since it will require both creativity and correct capitalization skills.

Here are additional examples for the student to use when practicing capitalization.
1. the room where my baby brother sleeps
2. the cat's favorite toy
3. a baseball mitt I used in third grade
4. this is the best shampoo in the world
5. the remote control that we can never find