


FIRST WORDS, PROPER ADJECTIVES, SCHOOL SUBJECTS**22o Capitalize the first word in every sentence.**

EXAMPLES Those lilies look beautiful.
My sister grew them.


The first word of a direct quotation should begin with a capital letter, whether or not the quotation starts the sentence.

EXAMPLE Dezba announced, “We found your key!”

 **REFERENCE NOTE:** For more information about using capital letters in quotations, see page 279.

Traditionally, the first word of every line of poetry begins with a capital letter.

EXAMPLE I wonder if an orchard grieves
To see the falling of its leaves.

 **NOTE** Some modern poets do not follow this style. If you are quoting lines from a poem, be sure to follow the capitalization that the poet uses.

22p Capitalize proper adjectives.

A *proper adjective* is formed from a proper noun and is always capitalized.

Proper Nouns	Proper Adjectives
China	Chinese art
Shakespeare	Shakespearean theater
Rome	Roman statues
Texas	Texas chili

22q Do not capitalize the names of school subjects, except course names followed by a number and languages.

EXAMPLES art, science, Mathematics 101, Typing II, German, Spanish

