THE CAPITALIZATION GAMES

Capitalization isn’t always a gala at the Capitol, but it doesn’t need to be a fight to the death, either...

There are six ways to use capitals:

The first word in a sentence or a direct quotation:
- He wanted to go hunting.
- He said, “Let’s go hunting.”

The word “I” and people’s names:
- I needed to enter my name into the lottery.
- I like cloves in my ham, but Clove does not.

The names of specific places, institutions, and languages:
- District 8 is one of the eleven districts in Panem.
- All supplies are stored in the Cornucopia.
- Only one player can win The Hunger Games.

Calendar items:
- Most dystopian worlds have no concept of holidays such as Christmas.

- Capitalize the names of specific courses (such as Algebra 101), but not general classes (such as math).

- Make sure to properly capitalize words showing your relationship to people. For instance:

  *Jim comes next week with Aunt Sarah.*

- Here the word ‘Aunt Sarah’ is almost a proper noun. In situations, where we just use a descriptive text to the person, we do not capitalize the word. As in:

  *Jim comes next week with Sarah, his aunt.*

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