

Parent Guide to the

English Writing Conventions

Today's Standard

3.L.2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a letter to a friend; Creating a storybook; Writing a report on a favorite animal; Composing an email to a teacher; Drafting a thank-you note

Today | Learned

Today, we learned how to use capital letters, punctuation marks, and correct spelling in our writing. This helps make our writing clear and easy to understand.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think you only need to use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, but you also need them for names and places. Others think punctuation is only for the end of sentences, but you use things like commas and apostrophes inside sentences too.

Quiz Me

- What is a capital letter?
- When do you use a period?
- Can you name a proper noun?
- What does a comma do?
- Why is spelling important?

Help Me

Using capital letters, punctuation marks, and correct spelling helps us write clearly. For example, when writing a letter to a friend, we use capital letters for names, periods to end sentences, and correct spelling so our friend understands us.