

Read and Analyze

Capitalization

Unit 7: Lesson 73

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Lang Arts
Lesson 1 Day 1

My mother volunteers with a **French** organization called **Doctors Without Borders**. She will spend two weeks in **Niger**, a country in western Africa.

Circle the boldfaced word that does not refer to a specific nation. Draw one line under the boldfaced word that names a specific nation. Draw two lines under the boldfaced phrase that names a specific organization. Draw a box around the boldfaced word that is an adjective.

Proper nouns are the names of particular people, places, or things. Capitalize each important word in the names of people, geographic locations, important events, holidays, periods of time, organizations, companies, and products. **Proper adjectives** are descriptive words formed from proper nouns. They must be capitalized. A **title of respect**, such as *Mr.* or *Judge*, is capitalized when it is used directly in front of a person's name.

See Handbook Sections 1, 2, 3, 15

Practice

Draw three lines (≡) under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized. (1–34) Then circle each proper noun and draw a box around each proper adjective.

Doctors without borders is an international humanitarian organization. Started in France in december of 1971, the organization now has offices in the united states, japan, canada, sweden, and many other countries. this organization's doctors are working to fight malnutrition in children under five years of age in Africa and Southeast asia. As dr. christophe fournier points out, young children who do not receive the right vitamins and nutrients are more susceptible to disease.

Fortunately a new food product called Plumpy'nut is helping in the fight against malnutrition. It was invented by french scientist dr. andré Briend. he got the idea from a european nut spread named Nutella. plumpy'nut, which is a combination of the words *plump* and *peanut*, is a mixture of peanut butter, powdered milk, and powdered sugar that is fortified with vitamins and minerals.

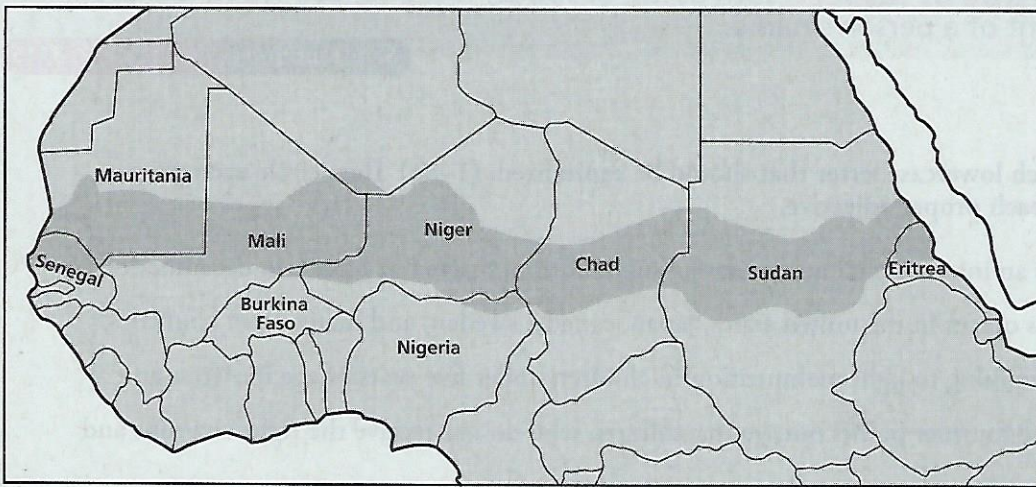
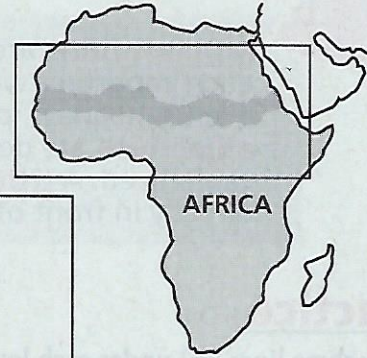
Foods such as plumpy'nut, which do not require refrigeration, are very useful in war-torn places such as Somalia and Sudan. Plumpy'nut costs less than milk formula, does not need to be mixed with anything, and has a shelf life of two years.

In october 2007 doctors without borders urged the united nations and the United States to contribute more money for the purchase of ready-to-use food. Currently one company, nutriset, is manufacturing Plumpy'nut. companies in malawi and in niamey, the capital of Niger, are making versions of the product as well. Chief nutritionist dr. Milton Tectonidis says that if the United states and the european union would spend more food aid on fortified foods, more companies would want to produce them.

Apply

Draw three lines (≡) under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized. Draw a line (/) through each capital letter that should be lowercase. (35–52)

On wednesday ms. lopez's social studies class learned about world hunger relief. Students created a map showing the three Regions where acute malnutrition is most prevalent: the Sahel, the Horn of africa, and southeast asia. The sahel is a vast dry region in Africa. It borders the atlantic ocean and extends east to the other side of the continent. Among the nations in this Region are senegal, mauritania, mali, Niger, Chad, and Sudan. The Horn of Africa refers to the large Peninsula of east africa that juts into the Arabian Sea. Countries in the Horn of Africa include ethiopia, eritrea, and Somalia.



Reinforce

See Handbook Section 35

Today it is common for friends to exchange e-mails that do not include proper capitalization. Read this passage from a friendly e-mail. Then rewrite it with correct capitalization and punctuation. Afterward, discuss with a partner which version you prefer and why.

do you want to see the movie this saturday?? sam saw it and really liked it maybe we could catch the two o'clock show...i have to finish my report about africa first, but i should finish by noon let me know what you think...
