

# ITALICS, QUOTATION MARKS, AND UNDERLINING



**GRADE 5**

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# Classroom Procedure:

1. Display the following questions: What words should you capitalize in a title? What titles should you type or write italicized? When should you underline? What titles should be in quotation marks? Allow for response and discussion. Tell students that there are different rules for capitalizing and formatting titles.
2. Distribute the *Italics, Quotation Marks, and Underlining* content page. Read and review the information with the students. Save the final questions for the lesson closing. Use the additional resources to enhance understanding in and out of the classroom.
3. Distribute the Activity page. Read and review the instructions. Have students check their answers with a partner to see if their answers match. Write correct answers on the board and explain what makes the response right. Create an anchor chart of the rules to display as students work on the Practice page.
4. Distribute the Practice page. Check and review the students' responses. Refer to the anchor chart of rules as the material is discussed with the students. For some students, showing them examples in books or magazines is a visual way that students can relate the lesson to a practical application.
5. Distribute the Homework page. The next day, check and review the students' responses.
6. In closing, ask the students: What words need to be capitalized in a title? What titles should be italicized? What titles should be in quotations marks? When should you underline a title? Ask students to provide examples of when you might find a word in italics, underlined, or in quotation marks.

Lesson Title: **Italics, Quotation Marks, and Underlining**

Subject: **Language Arts**

Approximate Grade Level: **5**

**Objectives:** Students will know what words to capitalize on titles of different forms of text and media. Students will distinguish between when to italicize, when to use quotations marks, and when to underline.

**State Educational Standards\***

LB.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.2.D, LB.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1, & LB.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.4

**Class Sessions (45 minutes):** 2 class sessions

**Teaching Materials/Worksheets:** *Italics, Quotation Marks and Underlining* content pages (2), Activity page, Practice page, Homework page

**Student Supplies:** Content page (2), Activity page (2), Practice page (2), and the Homework page (6).

**Prepare Ahead of Time:** Copy handouts.

**Options for Lesson:** Students will not have much experience with using italics, underlining, or quotation marks. A fun way to introduce the lesson or use as an assessment, go to Turtle Diary at <https://www.turtlediary.com/game/punctuate-the-sentence-correctly.html> and have the students play the Punctuation Game.

\*Lessons are aligned to meet the education objectives and goals of most states. For more information on your state objectives, contact your local Board of Education or Department of Education in your state.





# Italics, Quotation Marks, and Underlining

## Section 1 Italics, Quotation Marks, and Underlining

When handwriting or typing, how do you write the title to a movie you have watched or a book you have read? Do you capitalize it? If so, what words do you capitalize? All of them or some of them? What else do you do to the title to emphasize it? Do you put quotations around it? Do you put it in italics? Do you underline it? You have seen titles of different things like books, movies, and even songs, but they all seem written in different ways. What are the rules in regards to capitalizing and writing titles, and when should you underline, italicize, or use quotation marks?

### Capitalization

Let's first talk about the capitalization of titles. What are the rules for how you capitalize titles like books and movies? **Titles:** The rule is the first word, the last word, and all important words in between. You should never capitalize short words like "a," "an," "but," "the," or "or" unless they start the title. Here is an example.

I just finished reading to my little brother, a book called *The Bird Squeaks at Sunrise*.

Capitalize the word "the" because it is the first word. Capitalize the words "bird" and "squeaks" are because they are important words in the title. Capitalize the word "sunrise" because it is the last word in the title. The word "at" is not capitalized because it is in the middle of the title, and it is not an important word.

**Italics** Some titles you write in *italics*. Here are examples when to use *italics*.

**CD or album:** I have been listening to BTS's album *Map of the Soul*.

**Books:** My favorite book is *Wonder*. It is about bullying.

**Movies / Television Shows:** My little sister loves the movie *Frozen*.

**Newspapers:** I picked up a copy of the *Plymouth Pilot* at the gas station.

**Magazines:** One of the best selling magazines at the supermarket is *Time*.

**Helpful Hint!** If you are typing, it is much easier to italicize than if you are handwriting something. You just hold down the CTRL and I button at the same time. The letters you type will appear in italics! Italicize the titles of books, movies, television shows, newspapers, CDs, and magazines in a word processor.

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## Section 2 Italics, Quotation Marks, and Underlining

### Quotation Marks:

Some titles need to be in quotation marks (“\_\_\_”) rather than in *italics*. Here are examples of titles surrounded by quotation marks.

<b>Articles:</b> My older sister wrote the article “The Secrets of the Cafeteria Food” in her school’s newspaper.	<b>Songs:</b> My favorite song on Taylor Swift’s new album is called “Cardigan.”
<b>Poems:</b> My mother’s favorite poem is called “If” by Rudyard Kipling.	<b>Short Stories:</b> My favorite fairy tale growing up was “Hansel and Gretel.”

**Chapter Titles:** I have to read chapter one, “The Facts of Life,” in the novel for homework.

### Underlining:

When handwriting something and it needs to be *italicized*, what do you do? It’s nearly impossible to write in italics. That is where underlining comes in. So when handwriting, you have to underline the titles of books, movies, television shows, newspapers, CDs, and magazines.

Since most people use computers to type their writing, underlining is not used as often as it once was. Some use underlining when they are taking notes to emphasize important information they want to remember. Others will use underlining when editing the first draft of an article so they can go back and review the section for changes.

One thing to always remember is that different kinds of writing have different rules. Some teachers require students to write in MLA format. Others may require you to write in APA. MLA and APA are writing templates used for research and other types of academic writing.

For more information about writing formats go to Beestudent at <https://www.beestudent.com/formats-of-writing/>



**Instructions:** With a partner, capitalize the titles of these movies and books. Use them in a complete sentence.

1. bats and witches galore

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2. the princess, the prince, and the pony

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3. the playground war

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4. the wedding that never was

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5. the little mermaid

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6. where the wild things are

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7. green eggs and ham

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8. trolls: world tour

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9. oh, the places you'll go!

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10. artemis fowl

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11. harold and the purple crayon

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12. frozen

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# Practice

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Instructions:** Write a sentence that includes one of the items below. Make sure the titles are written correctly with correct capitalization.

1. Write a sentence that includes the title of a children's book.

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2. Write a sentence that includes the title of your favorite book.

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3. Write a sentence that includes the title of an article.

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4. Write a sentence that includes the title of a poem.

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5. Write a sentence that includes the title of a movie.

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6. Write a sentence that includes the title of a song.

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7. Write a sentence that includes the title of a television show.

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8. Write a sentence that includes the title of a newspaper.

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9. Write a sentence that includes the title of a short story.

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10. Write a sentence that includes the title of a CD or music album.

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# Homework

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Instructions:** Read the following sentences. Write the titles with correct punctuation and capitalization.

1. This year, in the sixth grade, we read the giver as our classroom novel. We will watch the movie when we are done.

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2. My mom's favorite movie is men in black. She loves Will Smith.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. My father is the assistant editor of the south bend tribune, which is a local newspaper in South Bend, Indiana.

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4. I love Taylor Swift's album called lover. It has a lot of great songs on it.

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5. When my aunt was younger, she used to subscribe to the teenage magazine called teen beat. It had famous actors and new styles in it.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. My basketball team appeared in the article entitled the court kings after we won the district championship.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you ever read the poem home before? We read it for homework, and it was very sad. It made me cry.

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8. My favorite Ed Sheeran song is called castle on the hill. It came out in 2017 and made him very popular.

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9. My mother is a teacher, and she had her students read the short story, the black cat. It is very spooky.

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10. We have to read chapter seven of our novel tonight. The chapter is called the bones. I bet it will explain what is going on to the main character.

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**Instructions:** Write a sentence that includes one of the items below. Make sure the titles are written correctly with correct capitalization.

Answers will vary.

1. Write a sentence that includes the title of a children's book.

The book *Harold and the Purple Crayon* is about having an imagination.

2. Write a sentence that includes the title of your favorite book.

The *Fault in Our Stars* is a sad book that made me cry several times.

3. Write a sentence that includes the title of an article.

My father was reading the article called "Back in the Swing of Things." It was about the reopening of the MLB games.

4. Write a sentence that includes the title of a poem.

"O Captain! My Captain" is a poem that I had to memorize when I was little. It was very catchy and rhymed.

5. Write a sentence that includes the title of a movie.

I can't wait for the new *Jurassic Park* movie to come out.

6. Write a sentence that includes the title of a song.

I really enjoy the Kelsey Ballerini song called "Homecoming Queen." I have had it in my head all day long.

7. Write a sentence that includes the title of a television show.

My older brother likes to watch *Walking Dead*, but I don't. It gives me nightmares.

8. Write a sentence that includes the title of a newspaper.

My father always reads the *USA Today* every morning before work.

9. Write a sentence that includes the title of a short story.

I have to read the short story "The Gift of the Magi" for homework tonight.

10. Write a sentence that includes the title of a CD or music album.

Taylor Swift's new album *Folklore* is already very popular.



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*The Giver*

2. My mom's favorite movie is men in black. She loves Will Smith.

*Men in Black*

3. My father is the assistant editor of the south bend tribune, which is a local newspaper in South Bend, Indiana.

*The South Bend Tribune*

4. I love Taylor Swift's album called lover. It has a lot of great songs on it.

*Lover*

5. When my aunt was younger, she used to subscribe to the teenage magazine called teen beat. It had famous actors and new styles in it.

*Teen Beat*

6. My basketball team appeared in the article entitled the court kings after we won the district championship.

*"The Court Kings"*

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*"Home"*

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*"Castle on the Hill"*

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*"The Bones"*