**Capital letters**

Remember, **capital letters** should be used for the following:

1. To begin every sentence
2. To begin every new speech (*David said angrily, “You should have taken more care.”*
3. For the personal pronoun ‘**I’**
4. For **proper nouns** - names of people *(Mr Jones, Jim Carrey)*, places *(England, Bristol)*, companies *(Nike, Tesco)*, products *(Frosties, Coke)*, titles of books and films etc *(‘The Hunger Games’)*, days of the week (*Wednesday)* and months of the year *( August).*

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“could give you a lift if you want,” suggested the driver, “Edinburgh isn’t far. don’t like seeing someone in distress.”

at last, a bit of good luck!

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**ANSWERS**

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