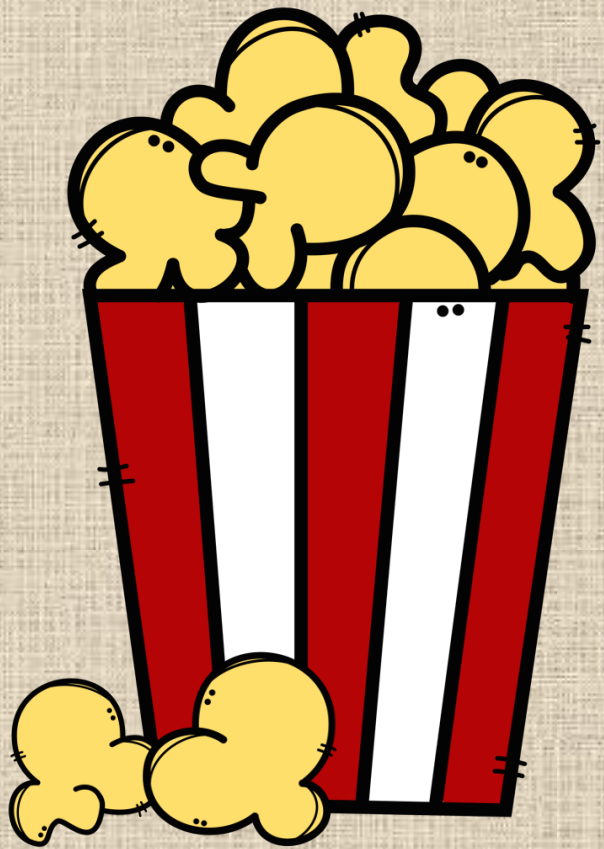
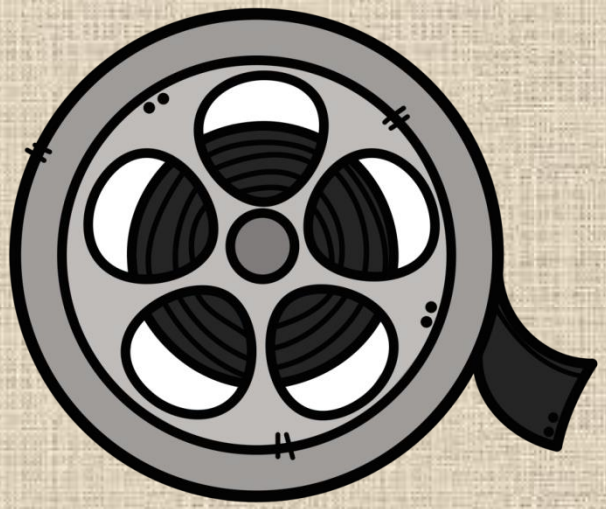
Using Animated Shorts to Teach Capitalization and Punctuation





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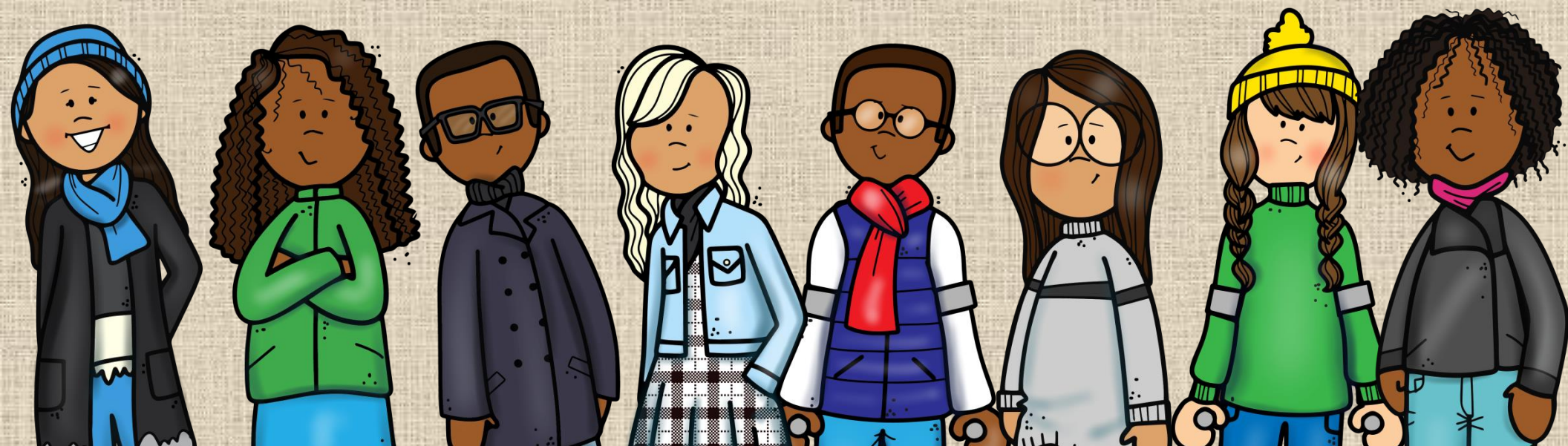


Rules – Reference Sheet

Capitalization Rules

First Word of a Sentence: Always capitalize the first word of every sentence (e.g., *Romans believed...*, *Jupiter was...*).

Proper Nouns – Names of People & Deities: Capitalize individual names of people, mythological figures, and gods (e.g., *Romulus*, *Remus*, *Jupiter*, *Neptune*, *Pluto*, *Zeus*, *Juno*).

Proper Nouns – Specific Places & Geographic Features: Capitalize cities, regions, landmarks, and planets/real cosmic bodies (e.g., *Rome*, *Capitoline Hill*).

Proper Adjectives & Nationalities: Capitalize words derived from proper nouns (e.g., *Roman* mythology, *Greek* god).

Proper Nouns – Specific Websites & Organizations: Capitalize proper brand names and publications (e.g., *YouTube*, *National Geographic*).

Months & Specific Calendar Dates: Capitalize months of the year (e.g., *March 1st*).

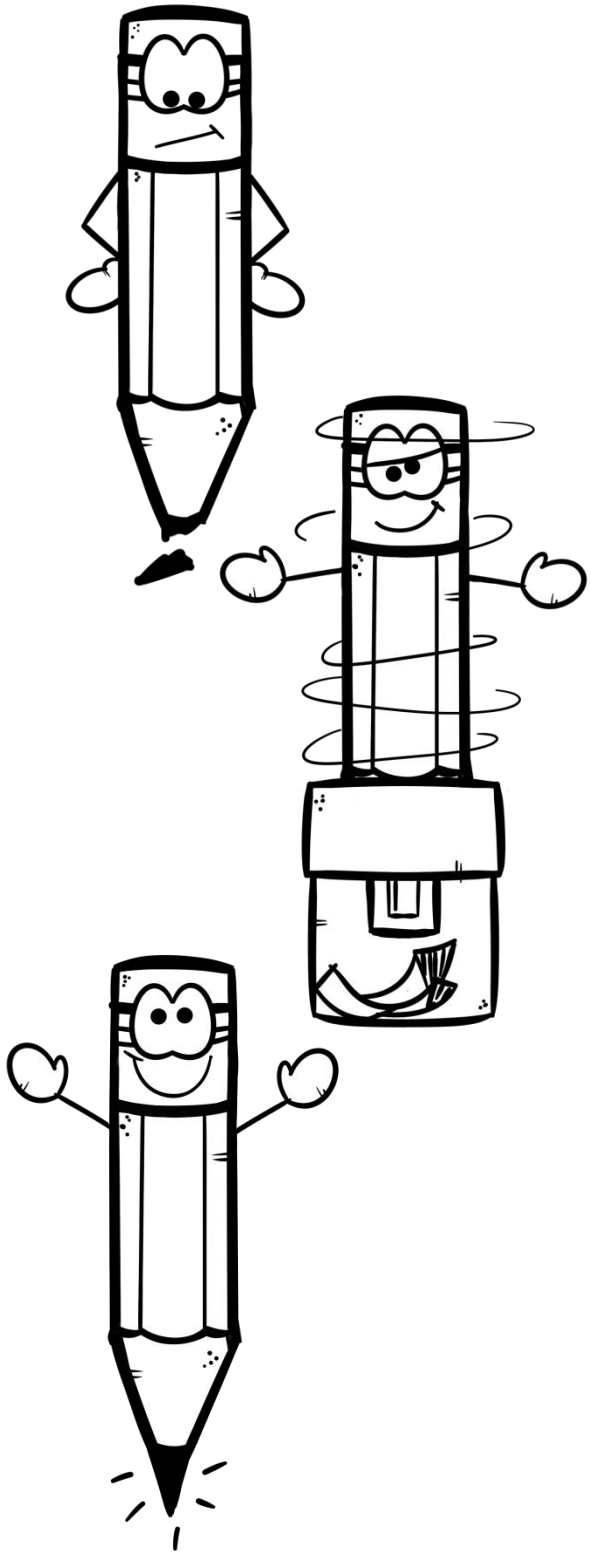
Comma Rules

Items in a Series (Lists): Use commas to separate three or more words or phrases in a list (e.g., *earthquakes, hailstorms, and other natural disasters | cattle, pigs, and sheep | snowboarding, surfing, roller coaster riding, and skydiving*).

Introductory Clauses & Dependent Phrases: Place a comma after an introductory dependent clause before the main sentence starts (e.g., *When people wanted to thank a god or goddess, they brought... | When Saturn died, the three sons... | With a smartphone, you can...*).

Appositives & Extra Information: Use commas to set off words or phrases that explain or give extra detail about a noun (e.g., *Two legendary twin brothers, Romulus and Remus, were... | Pluto, the god of death, ruled...*).

Direct Address / Specific Identifiers: Use commas to separate explanatory titles or direct designations if necessary in sentence context.



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Symfaunic [7:37]

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGeDbPeCZ-8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JsjXskDrIl
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXxF5gYh3Xc
https://www.cgmeetup.com/project/symfaunic

Symfaunic

Complete the summary by completing. Sentences with details from the film.

A faun named Cornelius walks through the forest. He leaps up to a tree in the middle of the woods with a hollowed out area that houses a special lyre. Cornelius takes the lyre down. He sits down, plays, and _____. Moments later, Cornelius's young sister runs up and playfully tackles him. The two sit down to play, Cornelius with his special lyre and Clove with a _____ _____. Clove grows disgruntled that flowers will not grow when she plays. She begs her brother for a turn on his special lyre. Cornelius gives in and hands the lyre to Clove.

Clove plays a _____ song instead of the _____ one Cornelius plays. Cornelius quickly grabs the lyre back. Clove insists that she will play the soft, traditional music, so Cornelius gives her another try. As Clove plays a flower springs up, grows, and then _____. Cornelius chuckles at Clove's effort. He then puts the lyre back in its special place in the hollowed out tree and leaves.

Clove takes the lyre out of its protected shelter and plays _____. Clove waltzes through the forest playing. _____ spring up everywhere she plays.

Cornelius hears the music and comes running. The two have a dispute about _____ _____. The dispute turns into a tugging match with each pulling on the lyre. The lyre _____.

Clove dashes away. Cornelius puts the two halves of the lyre into the special place on the tree.

As night falls, Cornelius sees that the mushrooms Clove created all have a _____ _____. Cornelius goes to the tree and finds ____ _____. He takes the lyre and then spots _____ _____ in the tree's hollow center which he also takes down. Cornelius goes looking for Clove. He gives Clove the instrument he has found, ____ _____.

Clove gives her brother a hug. The two each play their instruments while both flowers and mushrooms grow creating a _____.

Explain the meaning to the film's title Symfaunic.

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Symfaunic tells the story of two fauns, mythical creatures in Roman literature. Circle the letters that should be capitalized and add commas to these facts about Roman mythology.

1. romans believed in many different gods and goddesses demigods (half-humans and half god) and spirits. They believed that each god had specific powers and controlled parts of the world. Gods showed their unhappiness by sending earthquakes hailstorms and other natural disasters. When people wanted to thank a god or goddess they brought gifts of animals for sacrifice to the temple. Sacrificial animals included cattle pigs and sheep.

2. romans tried to explain their history and religion through myths. One of these myths is the founding of rome. Two legendary twin brothers romulus and remus were abandoned as infants. A she-wolf raised the boys. In a dispute, romulus killed remus. This is why the city of rome was named after romulus.

3. saturn had three sons: jupiter neptune and pluto. When saturn died the three sons divided the world into three parts. Each ruled one place.

4. jupiter was the king of the gods in roman mythology. He was ruler of the sky. He is the equivalent to the greek god zeus. jupiter held thunderbolts and threw them from the sky. The most important temple in ancient rome was the temple of jupiter located on capitoline hill .

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7. jupiter's wife was juno. She ruled over the women in rome. ancient romans honored juno on march 1st.

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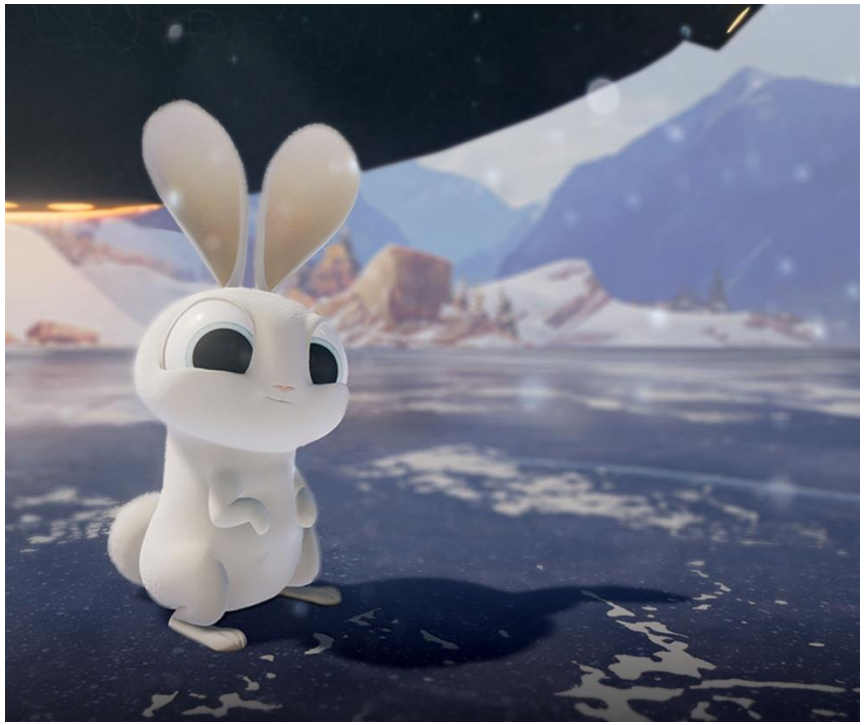

INVASION! [6:06]

Invasion is a 360 (full spherical) VR (virtual reality) film. While the best watching is to have a VR viewing device, YouTube has 360 videos that can be watched without any special hardware. The screen can be moved with a mouse or finger to see a full 360 view.

This film tells the story of two white bunnies; the viewer is one of these, who witnesses an alien invasion. I recommend watching the film more than once to see the story from different angles.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ0fKW5PttM

https://www.with.in/watch/invasion-ep-1

Free in Microsoft Store

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/invasion-vr/9p74f70lc4cm?activetab=pivot:overviewtab

ASTEROIDS! – Sequel to INVASION! [6:58]

In this film, the action takes place in different locations. You must move the screen around to view the story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEUnBEKEKCs

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INVASION! and ASTEROIDS!

Complete sentences to summarize the films.

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The film begins as if it is a serious documentary about space narrated by actor Ethan Hawke.
A spaceship heads toward Earth.

The scene switches to an icy _____ in a mountainous region. Before long, the spaceship flies overhead. A cute white bunny witnesses the ship's landing.

Two aliens named Mac and Cheez leave the ship. They use their _____ to gather information about the creatures of Earth: a bird flying and the bunny. A laser beam from their antennae _____. The ice tilts and the aliens fall into the icy cold lake. One alien cuts a second hole a few feet away and emerges. He lifts up his pal _____ _____. The two aliens enter the spaceship and leave.

The film ends with the narrator saying:

There are those who say that one day the meek shall inherit the Earth. Until that day arrives, the meek will _____ _____.

ASTEROIDS!

While flying deep in space, Mac floats around outside the spacecraft while Peas watches from inside. Peas opens a large panel over the front window. Mac is _____ with spray and a squeegee. When the job is finished, Mac comes inside the ship. Peas playfully greets Mac as a dog would greet his owner coming home after a long day at work. Peas drops a _____, and the two play fetch.

Before long, a warning signal goes off and the lights inside the craft blink. Cheez comes over to see what is happening. A video images shows _____headed their way. The bugs hit the window that Mac just washed. Cheez moans in aggravation and falls over. Mac explains that he will _____ _____. Mac goes outside the spacecraft with the squeegee. As he washes the window a second time, the bugs become large _____.

The warning signal goes off a second time. The warning shows a _____. Asteroids hit the ship with Mac still outside. Using the outside camera, Cheez sees Mac _____.

Peas races outside to rescue Cheez. She is able to pull Cheez out to the way _____ moments before they crash.

Cheez is pulled inside the spacecraft. A machine monitors her vitals. Just as Cheez's heart stops a large laser blasts a beam at Cheez. She comes to and sits up. Both Mac and Peas give Cheez hugs. The film ends with Mac, Cheez, and Peas _____.

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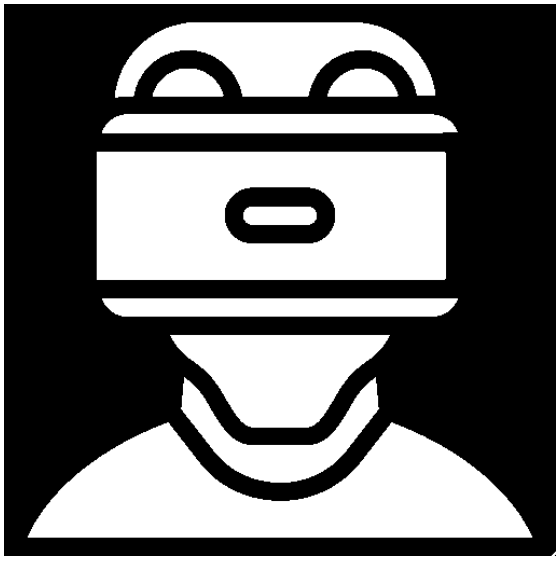
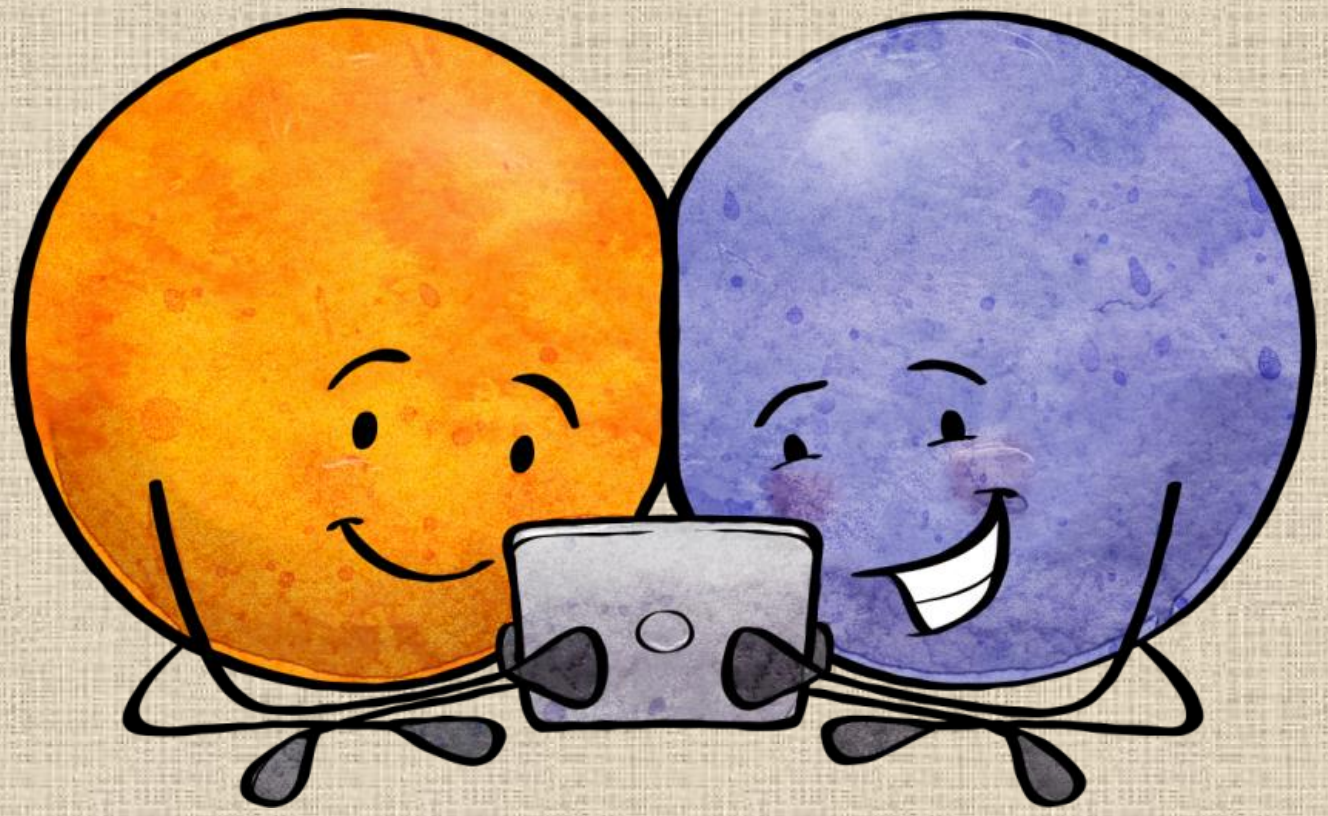


Answer Keys



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Symfaunic

Sample Answer Key

Answers will vary.

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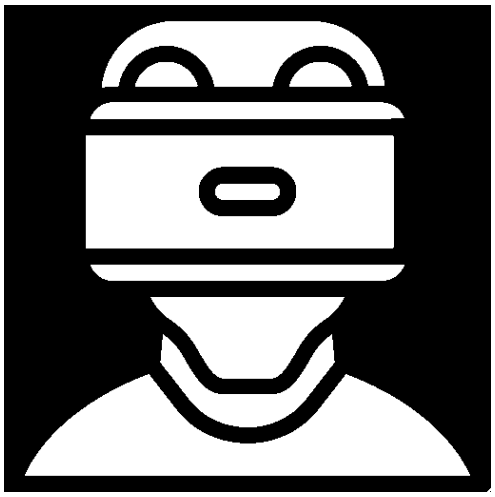

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The full unit covers all 4th – 6th grade Common Core State Standards for capitalization and punctuation. All activities are included in both printable and Google Slide versions.

What's Included:

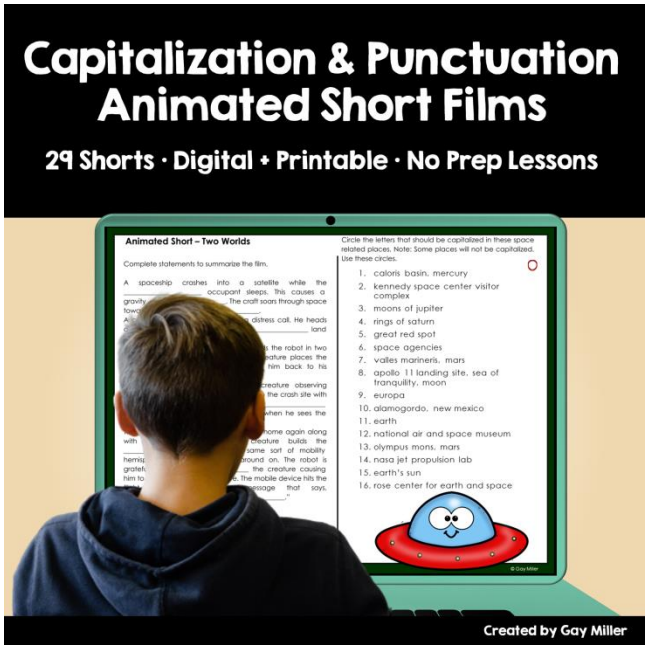
- Video Lesson with Accompanying Organizer
- Animated Short Activities – Each lesson contains 2+ videos (Over 29 animated shorts in all.) with practice that is connected to both the skill that is covered and the animated short.
- Practice Game – Each of the 10 lessons contains a game. Most games have practice sentences that can be used as seatwork in place of a game activity if desired.

Skills:

Lesson 1 - Capitalizing People
Lesson 2 - Capitalizing Places
Lesson 3 - Capitalizing Events
Lesson 4 - Capitalizing and Punctuation Titles of Works
Lesson 5 - Capitalizing and Punctuation Quotations
Lesson 6 – Colons, Semicolons, Ellipses (includes Using Punctuation for Effect)
Lesson 7– Use punctuation to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements
Lesson 8 - Commas in a Series
Lesson 9 - Comma after Introductory Elements
Lesson 10 - Comma in Introductory Elements

Games:

Lesson 1 – Sorry
Lesson 2 – Trail Game and Sorting Activity
Lesson 3 – Task Cards with Four-Way Game Board
Lesson 4 – Snakes and Ladders
Lesson 5 – Ludo
Lesson 6 – Dots and Lines
Lesson 7 – Aggravation
Lesson 8 – Tic Tac Toe
Lesson 9 – Connect Four
Lesson 10 – Memory



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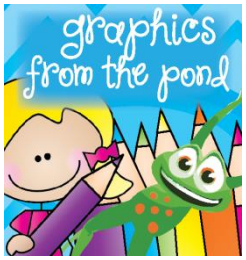
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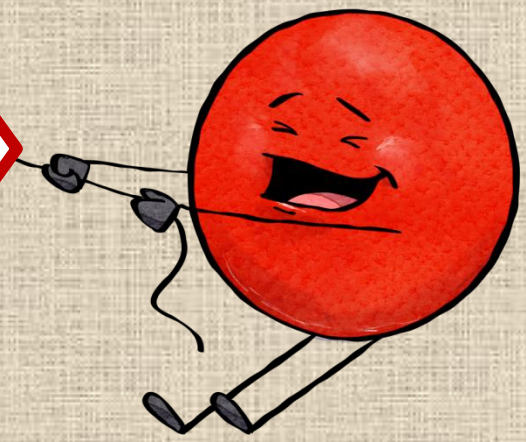

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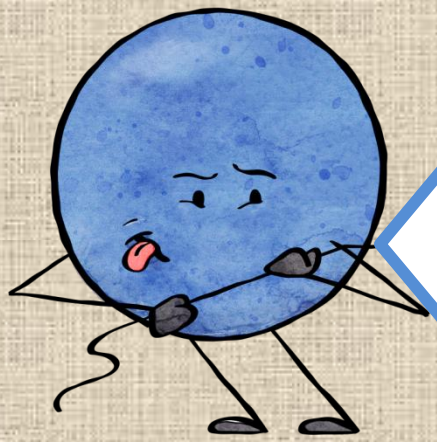

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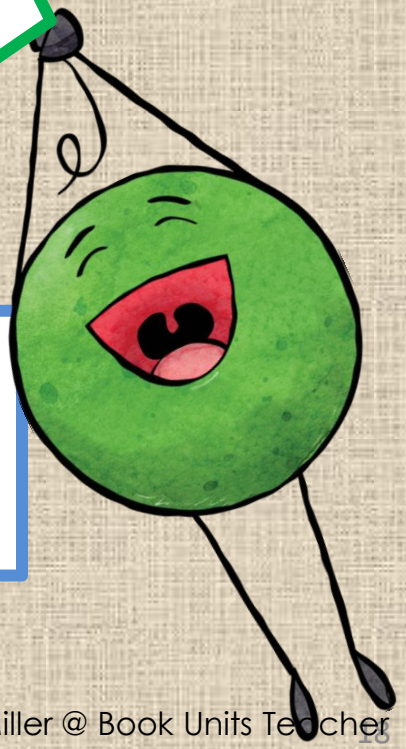
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