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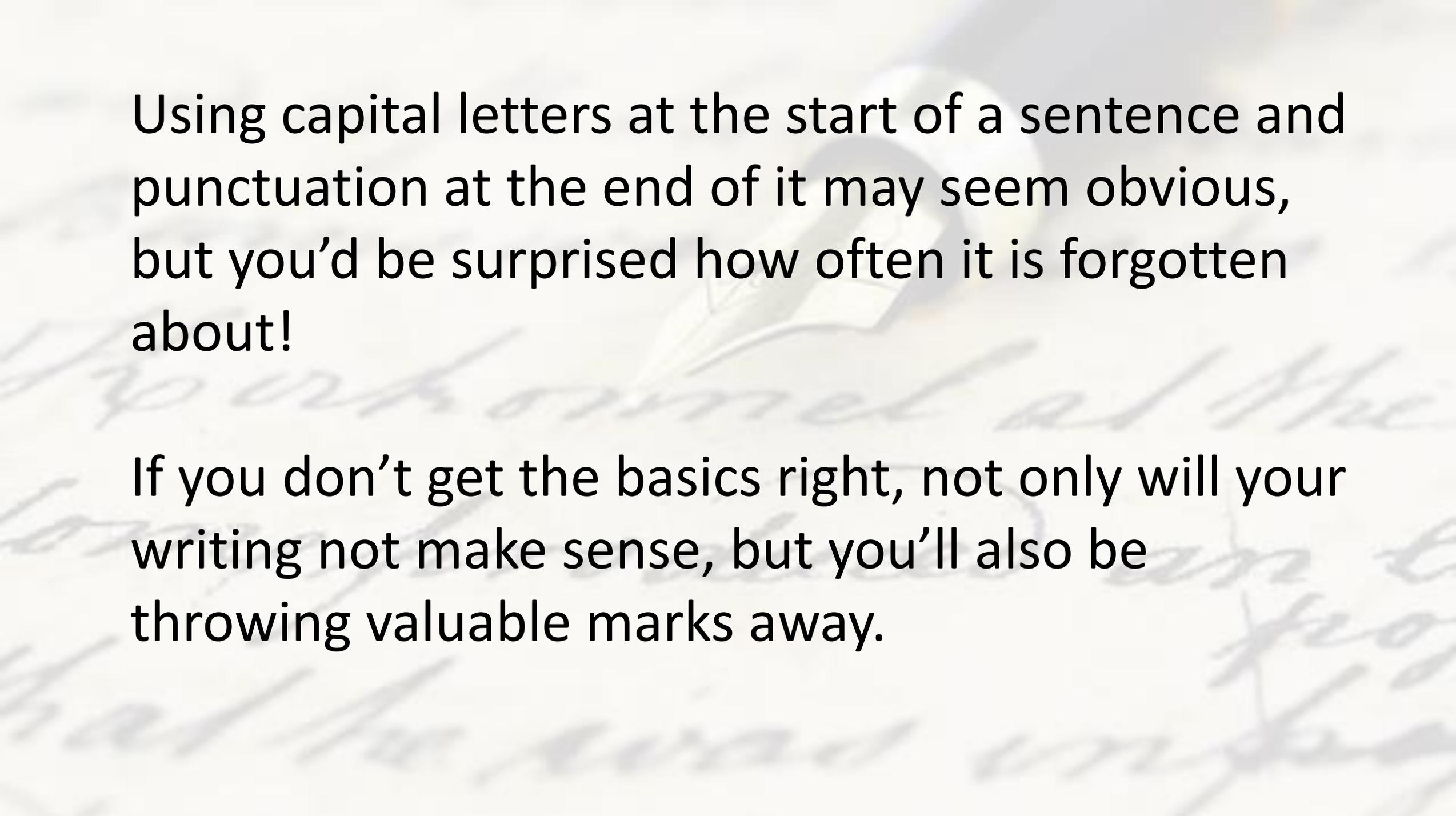
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# Punctuation Practice

## Starting and ending sentences





Using capital letters at the start of a sentence and punctuation at the end of it may seem obvious, but you'd be surprised how often it is forgotten about!

If you don't get the basics right, not only will your writing not make sense, but you'll also be throwing valuable marks away.

# Capital Letters

**Use them at the start of sentences.**

Every sentence starts  
with a capital letter.

The ending of the film surprised me. There was a real twist that I did not expect.

'I' (first person) should have a capital letter whenever you use it.

# Capital Letters

Some words always start with a capital letter:

- People's names and titles – Queen Elizabeth II / Charles Dickens
- Names of Organisations – Catholic Church / Royal Shakespeare Company
- Titles of books and plays – Romeo & Juliet / The Hunger Games
- Names of places – St Helens / St Cuthbert's Catholic High School
- Names of days and months – Wednesday / September

# Ending Sentences – Full stops

Full stops end statements. Most sentences end with a full stop.

Earthquakes are caused by tectonic movements in the Earth's crust.

The full stop is needed to end the sentence. If it isn't there, the sentence runs into the next one and won't make sense.

# Ending Sentences – Question Marks

Question Marks end questions.

What were the main causes of World War I?

A question mark is needed to end this sentence. It shows that there is a direct question being asked.

# Ending Sentences – Exclamation Marks

Exclamation Marks show strong emotion or emphasis.

The conditions in the zoo are utterly atrocious!

An exclamation mark is needed to end this sentence. It creates a sense of shock, anger or surprise and emphasises a point.

If you do use an exclamation mark in your writing, remember that you only need one to end your sentence!

This all seems very simple and easy but these basics still get forgotten about.

It is not enough to just know when to use capital letters or how to end a sentence – you must check that you have done these things correctly!



**KEEP  
CALM**

**AND**

**REMEMBER YOUR**

**PUNCTUATION**



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