

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conventions

*New 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Skills  
Italicized*

## Capitalization

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Beginning of a sentence

Proper Nouns (names of):

people, holidays, cities, states, oceans, continents, titles, days of the week, months, specific places, nationalities, businesses, *historical events*

Abbreviations: Initials (C.R.S), *Acronyms (NASA) for*

*National Aeronautics and Space Administration*

First word in direct quotation for dialogue ("Sit down," said Mary.)

## Punctuation

- **Period**

end of a sentence, abbreviations (St. for street), titles (Dr.)

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- Question Mark**

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- Exclamation Mark**

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- Comma**

dates (July 8, 2006)

in a series (dogs, cats, and birds)

closings in letters (Sincerely,)

quotation ("Sit down," said Mary.)

*time order (first, next, finally)*

addresses (Milton, WI)

greetings in letters (Dear Tim,)

in direct address (Bob, how are you?)

introductory words (Yes, I will help.)

*compound sentence:*

*(Joan plays golf, but I don't.)*

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- Colon** hours:minutes 2:15

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- Quotation Marks**

dialogue (Mary said, "Sit Fido.")

titles (short poems, songs, chapters, articles), direct quotes

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- Apostrophe**

regular possession (dog's tail, brother's arm, mom's shirt)

irregular possession (the ladies' room, Kris' class)

- Underlining or *Italics* (word processing)**

titles of books, plays, movies, magazines, newspapers

For 3 in  
conventions,  
edit your work  
for all of the  
above.