

# HeY! I'm Cliff Hanger, Detective!



I've been on the detective beat for a few years now. My first case was interesting. I was a witness, and a detective in the police department came to me for help with some details of the case. When he discovered my talent for noticing the unusual, he decided to ask my help once in a while.

Now, I'm called in to take a look at some puzzling cases once in a while. My different point of view turns out to be quite helpful in law enforcement. I've been asked to share some cases with you, in hopes you'll be helpful as well, and incidentally, learn something about grammar along the way.

When you see this symbol --  -- a parent needs to work through the information with you.

Are you good to go?

Let's get started!



# CASE #1 - Case of the Fine Art Filching



## Looking Into the Facts!

Introducing our first case. This is a difficult one. In New York, a fine art museum has been burglarized. Apparently the thief ignored every piece of art except one. This piece of art, *Study of a Cat Burglar*, was highly prized for its unusual subject matter.

Our job is to locate the canvas. Fortunately, the folks at the FBI have determined that the burglary was the work of Clark "the Cat" Pilfer. The Cat has taunted the FBI for years, and the following note was sent to FBI headquarters, designed to rile up the Task Force on this case.

So, Coppers,

You think you're smart, but I'm always one step ahead of you! I'm going to take this picture to a major city in Europe, where I've created a special place on a wall of an apartment I rent there. To keep things interesting, I've decided to toss you a clue. The city's name has two or more vowels in it.

The Cat



We've narrowed down the possible cities, thanks to a dedicated network of agents and the cooperation of various European agencies. The cities that are possible candidates are listed in the "Word Tools" exercise on the next page. Below, make a list of all the cities in the exercise you found that have two or more vowels. One of these cities is the one in which the "Cat" is hiding! **Cross out the cities as you eliminate them in exercises to come.**

# Word Tools Exercise

## Introducing Capitalization



### Looking Into the Facts!

To get to the bottom of eligible cities in Europe, you must work through this capitalization exercise. I'm a grammar-holic, and I want you to love words and sentences as much as I do. So, I have nested possible cities in the exercise below. We're working on capitalization.

In English, we use CAPITAL LETTERS for CAPITALIZATION of certain words. You may remember that we always start sentences with capital letters, and that the word I is always capitalized. Today we will look at other ways we use capital letters.

\* We use capital letters for NOUNS that name specific people, certain places, and things.

We call a cat -- well -- a cat. (with a small c.)

But we call our own cat by its name, Curly. (with a big C.)

That is because it is one certain cat, and it has a name. We always use capital letters for names.

\* We capitalize the FIRST LETTER IN THE NAMES of:

Days, months & holidays -	Friday, Monday, Saturday, January, August, December, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day
Streets, cities and towns -	Oak Street, Riverdale, Johnsonville, St. Louis, Washington Boulevard
Landmarks or monuments -	Mount Rushmore, Gateway Arch, Vietnam Memorial
Bodies of water, natural formations -	Ohio River, Blakely Pond, Indian Ocean, Mount Everest, Chimney Rock, Sahara Desert
Continents, states, countries -	Antarctica, Canada, Alaska, Europe, Indonesia, North Carolina
Names of written work -	<i>Treasure Island, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star and Romeo and Juliet</i>
Brand names -	Kool-Aid, Microsoft Windows, Fruity Pebbles
Titles of people -	Mr. Zimmerman, Professor Grant, Dr. Flood, King David
Names for God & gods or deities -	Elohim, God, Jesus, Jehovah / Zeus, Allah, Buddha, Apollo
Specific animal species -	Shitzu, Thomson's Gazelle, Giant Panda, Blue Nuthatch

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**In the sentences below, underline the words that need to be capitalized. Then, on the previous page, write down all the cities that have two or more vowels.**

1. cliff would like to see the louvre art museum in paris someday.
2. he has never seen the national museum of art of romania in bucharest, that houses medieval art.
3. museum island in berlin, germany was set aside to house museums by frederick william IV of prussia.
4. the pushkin museum of fine arts in moscow features art collected by peter the great.
5. madrid, spain has three wonderful art museums; the guggenheim is in elsewhere in spain.
6. the national portrait gallery in london features a well-known portrait of william shakespeare.
7. the van gogh museum in amsterdam houses the world's largest collection of van gogh paintings and drawings.
8. he'd like to visit the liechtenstein museum in vienna with its european art.
9. the national museum of rome features frescoes and sculptures from ancient roman cities.
10. the museum of fine arts in budapest, hungary has egyptian artifacts and drawings by rembrandt.



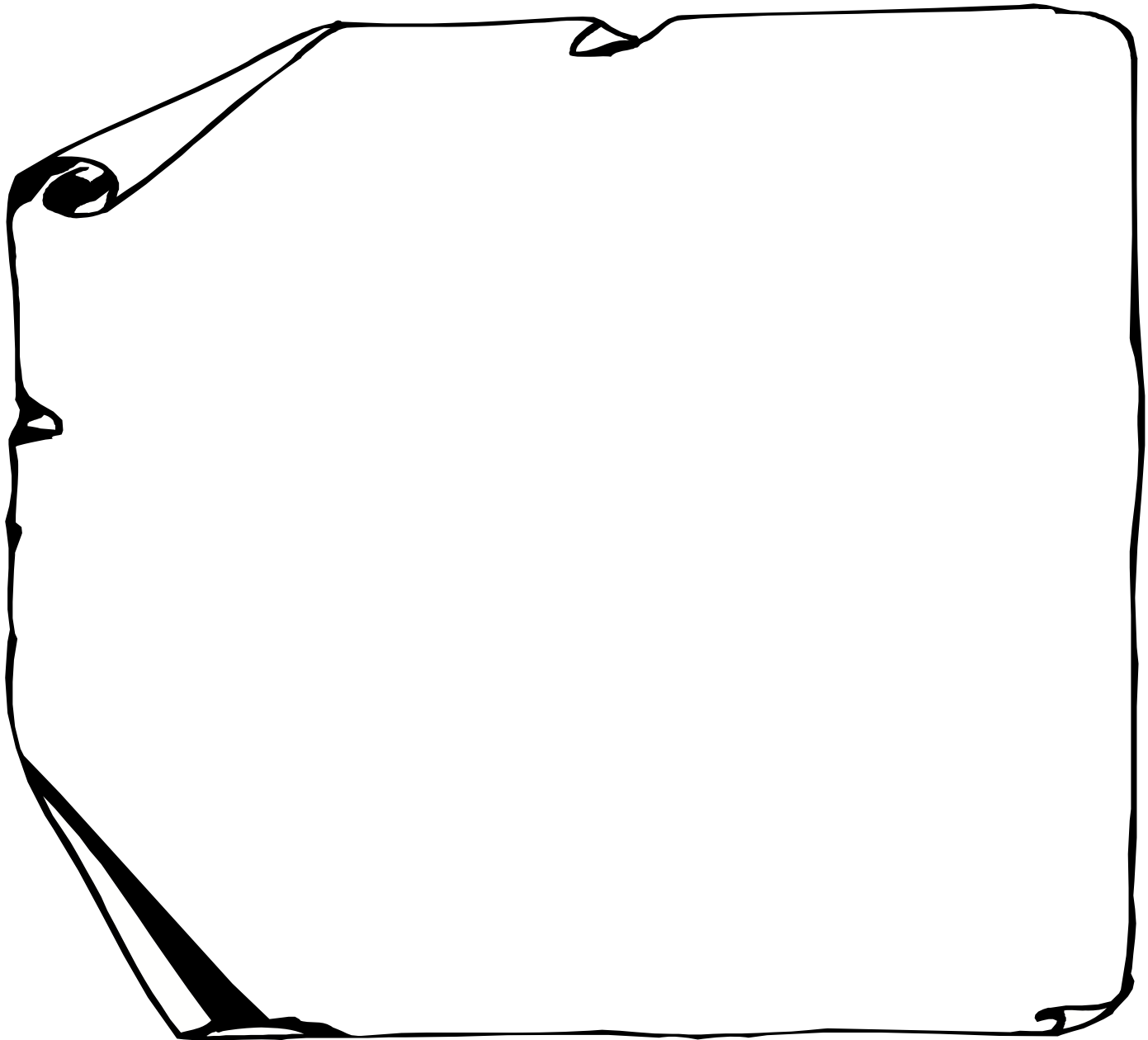
# Creative Writing Skills

## A Wanted Poster for the "Cat"

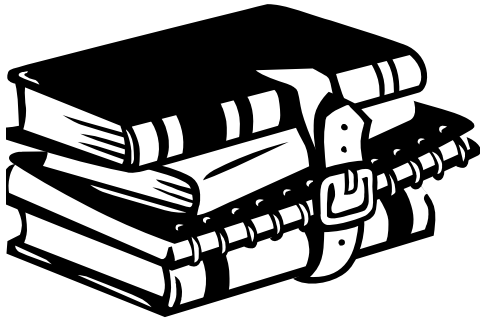


### Looking Into the Facts!

You can help me out! I am going to fax a bulletin to crime agencies all over Europe. Create a wanted poster for the "Cat" in the area below. This is merely practice -- I just want to see if you can create a good poster so I can come to you next time. Therefore, you can just "make up" a history and description of the man. Here's what to include: the amount of the reward and where to retrieve it, a description of the "Cat" and a list of his crimes, possible known friends he might be seen with, and anything else you think might prove helpful. Fill out the poster below.







# Vocabulary

## Get to Know "City" Words



### Looking Into the Facts!

You have been learning all about various cities in Europe. For this week's vocabulary exercise, look up the definitions for these "city" words in a dictionary. Write the definition on the blank beside the word.

**metropolis** \_\_\_\_\_

**urban** \_\_\_\_\_

**metropolitan** \_\_\_\_\_

**capital** \_\_\_\_\_

**bustle** \_\_\_\_\_

**shoddy** \_\_\_\_\_

**ignominious** \_\_\_\_\_

**suburban** \_\_\_\_\_

**subway** \_\_\_\_\_

**placard** \_\_\_\_\_

**subsidy** \_\_\_\_\_

**municipal** \_\_\_\_\_

# Grammar Exercise

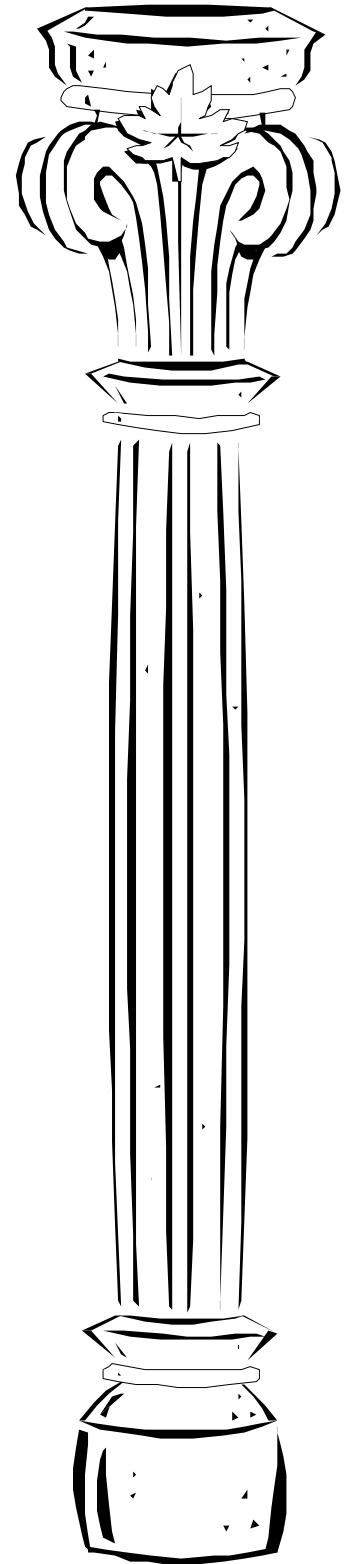
## Label Basic Sentence Parts



### Looking Into the Facts!

Label the two necessary parts of a sentence in the exercise below. Above the subject, put an "S." Underline each verb or verb phrase and above it put a "V."

1. Cliff Hanger followed a suspect leaving his home in Europe.
2. The suspect strolled down to a local bank.
3. Inside, the bank tellers worked with customers.
4. A guard stood by in case of trouble.
5. Cliff was worried there might be trouble.
6. The suspect stood in line.
7. A bank camera recorded everything in the bank.
8. After waiting, the suspect presented a check to the teller.
9. The friendly woman cashed the check.
10. The suspect turned around.
11. Cliff was ready for action.
12. Cliff is right when he says being a hero means being ready for anything.
13. The man's face came into view.
14. He was not the right man!
15. Cliff returned home emptyhanded.



**CLUE:** This operation assured us that the suspect is not in one of our cities. The name of this city is hidden in the sentences above. You can find the letters in order, split between two words. For example, if one of our locations was "Oslo," you could find it in this sentence as underlined:

We'll need to go slow to arrest this slippery character.

Find one of the cities we need to eliminate in the same way above.

# Spelling Work

## Spelling Test



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**You're on your first spelling test.  
Write out your spelling words below as your teacher reads them aloud.**

A series of horizontal lines for writing, consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated down the page.



# Creative Writing Skills

## Ideas for a Descriptive Paragraph



### Looking Into the Facts!

When you work in law enforcement, it is very important that you can write a good description! There's a lot of paperwork that involves writing down witness statements and more to help you catch a fugitive from justice! In the assignments below, you'll have opportunity to practice your descriptive writing. Choose the assignment that coordinates with your themed study. Here's how. Work through the questions listed with your assignment with a parent. The answers to these questions will work together as ideas to include in the paragraph you are writing. It may be most helpful for you to write down these questions on a separate piece of paper and write down your thoughts in the space in between each question. **This week, you don't have to write the paragraph, just put down your thoughts.**

**Next week, you'll write a paragraph of 5-8 sentences based on what you write down this week.**



#### *American 1: Viking Description*

You can look up more information about Vikings, if needed, to complete this assignment. Then, describe in detail the Vikings' ships.

- What is the boat's shape?
- What is on the boat?
- Describe the ship's sail.
- What are the Vikings wearing?
- How large is the ship?

#### *American 2: Civil War Battle Description*

You can use the "Ghosts of the Civil War" book, looking at some of the battle scene pages to complete this assignment. Try your best to describe in detail the Civil War soldiers, flags & guns.

- What are the Civil War soldiers wearing?
- What are their guns like?
- How do they fight?
- How do horses help in the battle?
- What do the soldiers have or hold besides guns?

#### *Sea & Sky: Ocean Description*

You can study and use some of your ocean study books, looking at some of the pages to complete this assignment. Try to describe in detail the overall look and feel of the ocean.

- What does the ocean look like?
- How does it smell?
- Does it ever change and why?
- How big is the ocean?
- What does the ocean feel like?

#### *Children Around the World:*

##### *My Own Home Description*

Try to think through the following questions and include a lot of detail.

- What does my home look like from the outside?
- How many rooms does it have, and how are they used?
- What's my favorite part of the house?
- What makes your home comfortable?

#### *Ancient: Noah's Ark Loading Description*

You should look up more information about the story of Noah's Ark, if needed. This assignment should be written as if you were on hand to witness the animals come aboard the ark.

- What does the ark look like?
- What animals are coming aboard the ship?
- Are there any difficulties? Are any of the animals too big for the door or too small to see, etc?
- What people are aboard and are they loading anything?

#### *Middle Ages: Catacombs Description*

You should look up more information on the catacombs, if needed. This assignment should be written as if you were at one time living in or staying in the catacombs. See if you can find some pictures of a catacomb. There is additional detail that could be found in "Mystery of History," as well. Then, try to describe the catacombs in details.

- What do the catacombs look like inside?
- How do they smell, look and feel?
- Who used the catacombs and why?
- How were they used?
- What might be found in the catacombs today?