Capitals, contractions and tense worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

For grown-ups: 9 questions from our capitals, contractions and tense practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?**

   ○ **My cousin lives in Denver.**
   ○ **My cousin lives in denver.**
   ○ **my cousin lives in Denver.**

2. **Which word in this sentence needs a capital letter?**

   We visited aunt Rosa in July.

   ○ **in** ○ **visited** ○ **aunt**

3. **Which word needs a capital letter?**

   Our class trip is on friday.

   ○ **friday** ○ **class** ○ **trip**

4. **Is this sentence capitalized correctly?**

   My brother and I watched the parade on the Fourth of July.

   ○ **Correct** ○ **Needs a fix**

5. **Which word fills the blank? Tomorrow we will pack a lunch and (blank) to the lake.**

   Tomorrow we will pack a lunch and ___ to the lake.

   ○ **hiked** ○ **hiking** ○ **hike**

6. **Are the capital letters right in this sentence?**

   In the Fall, we rake leaves in the yard.

   ○ **Correct** ○ **Needs a fix**

7. **How many words in this sentence need a capital letter?**

   last june, sofia read a book called the lost lighthouse.

   ○ **4** ○ **5** ○ **6**

8. **Which word is NOT a real contraction?**

   ○ **willn't** ○ **couldn't** ○ **wouldn't**

9. **Which word should change to keep the tense the same?**

   Last night, Hana cooked dinner and washes the dishes.

   ○ **cooked** ○ **washes** ○ **Last**

Answer key: Capitals, contractions and tense

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1. **My cousin lives in Denver.**
   Denver is the name of a city, so it starts with a capital. The first word of the sentence does too.
2. **aunt**
   Aunt is part of her name here, like a title: Aunt Rosa. So it gets a capital.
3. **friday**
   Friday is a day of the week. Days of the week always start with a capital.
4. **Correct**
   The Fourth of July is a holiday, so its main words get capitals. Brother is not a name, so it stays lowercase.
5. **hike**
   Will pack is in the future, and will carries over to the next verb: we will pack a lunch and hike.
6. **Needs a fix**
   Seasons are not names, so fall should be lowercase: "In the fall, we rake leaves in the yard."
7. **6**
   Six words: Last starts the sentence, June is a month, Sofia is a name, and The, Lost and Lighthouse are the words of a book title.
8. **willn't**
   Will not becomes won't, so willn't is not a word. Wouldn't and couldn't are real contractions for would not and could not.
9. **washes**
   Last night and cooked are in the past, so washes should be washed.