

## Enrichment Strategy: Knowing & Using

“Teacher, May I?”

*Capitonyms -- The Importance of Capitalization*

This offline enrichment strategy helps students understand the difference a capitalized letter can have on meaning. This activity is best completed after students have had a chance to play the online Featured Games for Capitonyms.

**Goal:** To ensure students understand the importance of proper capitalization and its effect on word meaning.

### What You'll Need:

- Printer

### What To Do:

1. Print the template.
2. Cut out the cards.
3. Have students line up side by side along the far wall of the classroom, about 3ft from the wall (so they can step backward if needed). You stand across the room.
4. Shuffle the cards and hold one up. (Do not pronounce the word.)
5. The first student to raise his/her hand uses the word in a sentence following the “Teacher May I” format:
  - *Teacher, may I eat a turkey sandwich? or*
  - *Teacher, may I go to Turkey over spring break?*
6. Depending on whether the word is capitalized or not, students take a step forward if they used the word correctly; they take a step back if they raised their hand and used the word incorrectly. The first student to reach you wins.

**March**

**march**

**Earth**

**earth**

**May**

**may**

**Mohawk**

**mohawk**

**Queens**

**queens**

**Titanic**

**titanic**

**Turkey**

**turkey**

**Phoenix**

**phoenix**

**Mercury**

**mercury**

**Patriots**

**patriots**

**Jodhpur**

**jodhpur**

**Mobile**

**mobile**

**Orient**

**orient**

**Pentagon**

**pentagon**

**Platonic**

**platonic**

**Manila**

**manila**

**Gasconade**

**Gasconade**

**Platonic**

**platonic**