

Grade 2 • Lesson 13: The Months

PROPER NOUNS & SERIES SYNTHESIS



Proper Noun Capitalization

The names of the twelve months always begin with capital letters.

When uniting answers into a list, separate each month with a comma (,) and write *and* before the last month.

A THE TWELVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

January: May: September
February: June: October
March: July: November
April: August: December

Read and transcribe each month with its initial capital letter:

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| 1. January | 5. May | 9. September |
| 2. February | 6. June | 10. October |
| 3. March | 7. July | 11. November |
| 4. April | 8. August | 12. December |

B UNITE ANSWERS INTO ONE COMPLETE SENTENCE

Combine each group of questions into a single statement using commas in a series:

- Is it warm in June? Is it warm in July? Is it warm in August?

1.

- Is it cold in December? Is it cold in January? Is it cold in February?

2.

C CALENDAR INQUIRY STATEMENTS

Answer in a complete statement with proper capitalization:

1. In what month does the school year begin?

2. In what month is your birthday?

Syntactic Synthesis: Combining Coordinate Clauses:

The classic prompt "*Unite your answers. Do not forget the commas*" teaches sentence efficiency. Instead of writing three childish repetitive sentences ("*It is warm in June. It is warm in July. It is warm in August.*"), the child learns to combine the three objects of the preposition into a single elegant series.

Section B • Master Synthesized Sentences:

1. It is warm in June, July, and August. (Capitalized proper names; serial commas after *June* and *July*; terminal period).
2. It is cold in December, January, and February. (Capitalized proper names; serial commas after *December* and *January*; terminal period).

Section C • Model Calendar Statements:

- The school year begins in September. (Or August, depending on school calendar).
- My birthday is in [Month]. (Full statement, capitalization of month).

Cultural & Orthographic Note for Teachers:

Remind pupils that month names originate from ancient Roman gods, emperors, and numbers (e.g., *Janus* for January, *Mars* for March, *Julius Caesar* for July, *Augustus* for August). Because they are proper names, their capitalization is non-negotiable.

Competency	Mastery (Exemplary)	Developing	Needs Guidance
Proper Noun Capitalization	All month names capitalized without exception.	1 lowercase month name.	Multiple months written in lowercase.
Serial Comma Usage	Both united sentences include commas after 1st and 2nd months.	Omitted comma before <i>and</i> .	Commas completely omitted in series.
Sentence Synthesis	Flawlessly merges three questions into one cohesive statement.	Merges with awkward phrasing or repeated words.	Writes 3 separate sentences instead of 1.
Penmanship & Mechanics	Neat baseline alignment with initial capital and final period.	1 punctuation error or uneven letter sizes.	Missing periods and sloppy handwriting.