



Fundamental Lesson

Ivan the "I"

Objective

- Students will capitalize the letter "I" when it appears by itself in the middle of a sentence.

Materials

- Chart paper
- Black marker
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Lesson

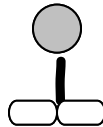
This word story reinforces the rule of capitalizing the letter 'I' when it stands alone. Draw the letter 'i' on the overhead and tell the following story:

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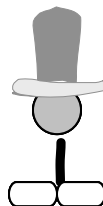
As Ivan the i walked home from school each day, he was pestered by a group of bullies. Sometimes they even gave him a black and blue eye (*use an overhead marker to color in the dot of the letter 'i'; this becomes the head of Ivan*). Ivan became determined to solve this problem.



When he was at home, he searched through his father's closet and found a pair of big, black, steel toe reinforced boots! He put them on and not only felt taller, but looked taller too! (*On the overhead, draw a pair of boots at the base of the letter 'i'.*)



Next, Ivan rummaged through the attic in his house. He found a tall, black, top hat that belonged to his grandfather, and he placed it on top of his head. Now he felt even taller than before and he looked taller too! (*On the overhead, draw a top hat on top of his head - his head is the dot of the letter 'i'.*)



The next day, before walking home from school, 'Ivan the I' pulled the boots and the hat from his backpack and put them on. (The disguise worked!) From now on, when he walked home from school, the bullies left him alone. (Draw a horizontal line at the base of the letter 'i' and at the top of the letter 'i' to make the capital letter 'I'.)

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The lesson behind the word story is: Whenever the letter 'i' is by itself in a sentence, be sure to put on its boots and hat so that he doesn't get bullied.

Write an example on the board demonstrating the letter 'I' standing alone.

When I went fishing with my dad, I caught a bass.

***The rest of this lesson can be found in the
SMILE Writing Curriculum.***