

TEST YOUR CAPITALIZATION ABILITY

The following story has numerous capitalization errors. When you find an error, cross out the entire word or words. Then write your correction above what is crossed out. Note that extra spacing has been provided to allow room for writing.

Jonathan and Mike were students in Mrs. Bonelli's Fifth-Grade Class in Valley elementary

school. All the students had been told by the Principal, Mr. Grey, not to walk home through Tim-

berland park because it could be dangerous. In the summer the main danger is snakes. In the

Fall hunters roam the woods in search of deer. In the winter the trail through the park is likely

to be slippery. Once, in December 1966 several children tried to cross Lake of the Woods. Two

boys fell through the ice, but they were able to make it back to solid ground. They were frozen

stiff. The paramedics from Woodsville came and took them to the hospital.

One day in the middle of February when there was a half day of school because it was

Lincoln's Birthday, Jonathan and Mike disobeyed Principal Grey. They decided to walk home through

the park.

Mike said to Jonathan, "you aren't scared, are you?"

"a little," answered Jonathan. "We have to be careful."

Soon, they reached Big Bass river and began to walk along the downstream bank. Suddenly,

Jonathan stumbled and screamed, "help! I'm trapped!" He was caught in a spring trap meant to

catch beaver and muskrats. Neither Jonathan nor Mike was strong enough to release the spring.

To make things worse, the trap was chained to a spruce tree so that captured animals could not

drag it away.

There was only one thing to do. Mike ran to a Texaco Gas Station that was about half a

mile away. The people there called the park police, who came and released Jonathan and took

him to Overlook hospital.

The boys were not punished, but, as Mike said, "we both learned a lesson."