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- b. Oliver
- c. dog
- d. Japan

2. Which words are proper nouns?

- a. Jessica
- b. town
- c. New York
- d. Pepsi
- e. school
- f. tiger

3. Is it supposed to be capitalized? Answer YES or NO

- a. phone            yes    no
- b. burger king    yes    no
- c. book            yes    no
- d. Las vegas      yes    no
- e. amy             yes    no
- f. sophia          yes    no
- g. tree             yes    no
- h. carrie           yes    no

- i. sam             yes    no
- j. shampoo       yes    no
- k. boy             yes    no
- l. pants            yes    no
- m. fish            yes    no
- n. jacket          yes    no
- o. california      yes    no
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