

Italics (Underlining)

Titles and Subtitles

- 13a.** Use italics (underlining) for titles and subtitles of books, periodicals, long poems, plays, films, television series, long musical works and recordings, and works of art.

BOOK	<i>The Moon Smiled: New Folk Tales</i>	FILM	<i>Help!</i>
PERIODICAL	<i>The Sciences</i>	TELEVISION SERIES	<i>Mystery!</i>
LONG POEM	<i>Paradise Lost</i>	LONG MUSICAL WORK	<i>Messiah</i>
PLAY	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	WORK OF ART	<i>St. Stephen</i>

EXERCISE A Underline the word or words that should be italicized in each of the following sentences.

Examples 1. Life and Times of Frederick Douglass is a great book! [The book title *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass* should be italicized (underlined).]

2. Was Parsifal the last of Richard Wagner's operas? [The title of the long musical work *Parsifal* should be italicized (underlined).]

- Has Jane Austen's book *Pride and Prejudice* ever been made into a movie? [Does this question contain a book's title that needs to be italicized (underlined)?]
- One of Donatello's marble sculptures, *St. George*, depicts human self-confidence. [Does this sentence contain a work of art's title that needs to be italicized (underlined)?]
- William Shakespeare wrote *Romeo and Juliet*.
- Someone sent a long letter to *The Middlevale Gazette* saying that its editorials were too long.
- We have a recording of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, the first opera written for television.
- The movie *Apollo 13* is about events that happened before I was born.
- No one knows who wrote *Beowulf*, the epic poem.
- Georgia O'Keeffe's artistic style is displayed in her painting *Black Iris*.
- Dr. Seuss once worked as an illustrator and humorist for the magazine *Life*.
- Some of Nathaniel Hawthorne's stories were collected in the book *Twice-Told Tales*.

Names

- 13b.** Use italics (underlining) for the names of ships, trains, aircraft, and spacecraft.

SHIP	<i>Pequod</i>	AIRCRAFT	<i>Spruce Goose</i>
TRAIN	<i>General</i>	SPACECRAFT	<i>Galileo</i>

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EXERCISE B Underline the word or words that should be italicized in each of the following sentences.

Example 1. Arturo says that if he ever buys an ocean liner he's going to name it Idler. [Because it is the name of a ship, *Idler* is italicized (underlined).]

11. My whole family once got up early enough to see the space station Mir pass overhead. [Has the name of the spacecraft been underlined?]
12. Paul is fascinated with the battle between Merrimack and Monitor, two ironclad ships used during the Civil War.
13. Didn't the first U.S. space satellite, Explorer 1, discover charged particles surrounding Earth?
14. Like several other lighter-than-air aircraft, the Shenandoah couldn't withstand poor weather.
15. The Chisholms aren't here because they're taking a train trip aboard the Kentucky Flyer.

Words, Letters, Symbols, and Numerals

13c. Use italics (underlining) for words, letters, symbols and numerals referred to as such and for foreign words that are not yet a part of the English vocabulary.

EXAMPLES How many *l*'s are in the word **parallel**? [Both the letter *l* and the word *parallel* are referred to as such and are italicized (underlined).]

Add an *@* and a *7* to the e-mail address. [Both the symbol *@* and the numeral *7* are referred to as such and have been underlined (italicized).]

In Spanish, a volleyball is called a **voley-playa**. [*Voley-playa* is not part of English vocabulary, so it is italicized (underlined).]

EXERCISE C Underline the words, symbols, letters, or numerals that should be italicized in the following sentences.

Example 1. It looks like he added a % after the 18. [The symbol *%* and the numeral *18* are referred to as such, so both should be italicized (underlined).]

16. She told him not to worry because it was only an igel, or, as she explained, a hedgehog. [Which foreign word needs to be italicized (underlined) in the sentence?]
17. Be certain to use the ¶ mark to indicate where your paragraphs should begin.
18. In French, the two words for "personal computer" are ordinateur personnel.
19. His handwriting is hard to read, but it looks like he wrote down a 93 as his best golf score.
20. The £ symbol looks odd to us, but it stands for "pound," an English unit of currency.