

**EXERCISE 43/44/45-4 Capital letters** Before working this exercise, read section 45 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

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Edit the following paragraphs to correct errors in capitalization. The first sentence has been edited for you. You should find ten more errors.

If Columbus had made his return trip first, he might not have been so eager to set out for the ~~Indies~~.  
~~indies~~. The voyage turned out all right, but it had its bad times.

^ To begin with, the *Niña* and the *Pinta* were separated on the way back to Spain. The weather was very bad, especially when the two ships ran into a storm west of the Azores. The *Niña* almost sank. Columbus was so sure it was going down that he put a record of his Discoveries in a small barrel, sealed it completely, and threw it overboard. That way, if the ship went down, there was still a chance that someone would learn of his discoveries. Actually, the ship made it to Santa María, a portuguese island. The governor there thought Columbus was lying about his adventures and arrested the crew. The crew was released only because Columbus threatened to shoot up the town.

The *Niña* was thrown off course again, but then Columbus's luck turned. The boat came into Lisbon, and Columbus was a guest of king John II for a brief time before he took off for Spain again. finally, the *Niña* made it home. On March 15, 1493, it sailed into the Harbor at Palos. The *Pinta* arrived shortly afterward on the same day. Such a coincidence certainly seemed to be a sign of divine approval and delighted Columbus. When queen Isabella saw what Columbus had brought back, she was impressed. She thought that god had surely had a hand in the matter. Certainly many influences had played a part in his success that Spring. Even Marco Polo's book *Description of the world* had played a role: Getting Columbus started on the journey. Columbus was convinced that his life was just one miracle after another. "i've been chosen," he might have said. "God has chosen me."