

30. Nouns (3) - small / capital letters

1 The main differences between English and French are as follows:

1.1 For days of the week, months and seasons:

Elle est arrivée **lundi**

*She arrived on **M**onday*

On est arrivés le 2 **mars**

*We arrived on 2nd **M**arch*

1.2 Names of streets:

Il habite 14, **rue** de la Gare

*≈ He lives at 14 Station **R**oad*

1.3 Personal titles:

La **reine** Elisabeth, le **président** Chirac, le **docteur** Pomier

***Q**ueen Elisabeth, **P**resident Chirac, **D**octor Pomier*

1.4 Languages always take a small letter in French:

Elle parle couramment le **français**

*She speaks fluent **F**rench*

On parle **allemand** dans cette région de la Suisse

They speak German in this part of Switzerland

Nationalities and countries take a capital letter:

Les **F**rançais sont très fiers de leur cuisine

*The **F**rench are very proud of their cuisine*

La **F**rance est le plus grand pays d'Europe

***F**rance is the biggest country in Europe*

But for adjectives relating to nationalities, a small letter is always used:

La grammaire **f**rançaise est difficile

***F**rench grammar is difficult*