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Captivating Captions

Directions: Captions usually appear on or beneath a photograph. The purpose of a caption is to explain what's going on in the picture. Read the caption-writing tips below. Then complete the activity that follows.

- A caption clearly tells the reader the main point or subject of the picture.
- Usually, there's not a lot of space for a caption. You have to say the most you can with few words.
- A caption should start with a capital letter.

I. Captions can be straightforward descriptions, such as the names and locations of the people in the photo. Find three examples of this kind of caption in your issue of *Scope*.

Page #	Caption
_____	“ _____ ”
_____	“ _____ ”
_____	“ _____ ”

II. Captions can also comment about a picture or prompt the reader to think about it in a certain way. Find three examples of this kind of caption in your issue of *Scope*.

Page #	Caption
_____	“ _____ ”
_____	“ _____ ”
_____	“ _____ ”

III. Sometimes captions offer a witty take on the photo. In these captions, the writer reveals a fresh and original way to look at a photo or an illustration. Look at the “Write the Caption” photo on p. 32. What might the dog be thinking? Why might he be dressed that way? What would he like to say to the reader? Write your own captivating caption for that photo (or any other photo in the issue) on the lines below.
