

# Drop Caps

Using `'axf:initial-letters'`, creates [Drop Capitals](#). Drop Capitals is a layout technique that enlarges the first character of a paragraph. This feature is available in AH Formatter V7.0 or later.

`axf:initial-letters="3"`

Specify the letter size as 3 lines

**L**orem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus. In aliquam sem quis suscipit iaculis.

Image as initial letter



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`axf:initial-letters="3 adjacent"`

Indent all the lines in block

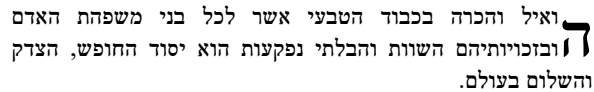
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Languages written right-to-left

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The height of the dropped initial is set to the cap-height or x-height of the first line by specifying '[axf:initial-letters-first-line-head-height](#)'. However, some fonts do not have the cap-height and x-height information, so the dropped initial characters and the height of the first line will not match. In such a case, it can be adjusted by specifying in the [Font Configuration File](#) of Antenna House Formatter. For example, the setting in the font construction file is as follows:

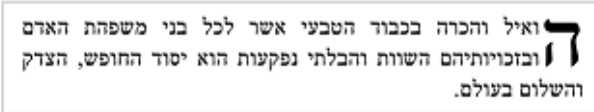
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<font-folder path="C:\*****">  
  <font-entry file="frank.ttf" cap-height="0.46"/>  
</font-folder>
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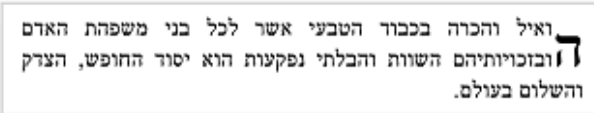
By adjusting in the Font Configuration File, the above sample changes as follows:

Result when adjusted:



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Result when not adjusted:



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In addition, various layouts can be created by combining the specifications for the dropped initial. For details, see [Drop Capitals](#) in the online manual, download this FO and refer to it by using an editor.

#### Raised initial letter

**L**orem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus.

#### Change indent only for first line

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#### Language-specific letter selection

**IJ**zel zorgt voor zeer gevaarlijke omstandigheden op de weg. **IJ**zel zorgt voor zeer gevaarlijke omstandigheden op de weg.  
**B**lack ice creates very dangerous conditions on the road. **B**lack ice creates very dangerous conditions on the road.

#### Combination with small-capitals

**L**OREM IPSUM dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus. In aliquam sem quis suscipit iaculis. In vitae nibh volutpat, blandit mi at, cursus ipsum.

#### Individual color

**Z**orem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Fusce sit amet risus ut sapien vehicula aliquam molestie vitae lacus.

#### Partially raised

**g**azing on that which seems to dim thy sight? What seest thou there? King Henry's diadem, encased with all the honours of the world? If so, gaze on, and grovel on thy face, until thy head be circled with the same.

### Hang leading punctuation

«**H**ar De seet Oscarshall?» spør demiske Ungdomsven fra La Slutnig besøger Hovedstad med Videnskab og Kunst, end

### Leading punctuation size and position

«**A**ar De seet Oscarshall?» spør demiske Ungdomsven fra La Slutnig besøger Hovedstad med Videnskab og Kunst, end

### Hide leading punctuation

**H**ar De seet Oscarshall?» spør demiske Ungdomsven fra La Slutnig besøger Hovedstad med Videnskab og Kunst, end

### Initial letter in vertical text

吾輩は猫である。名前  
生れたか。と見当がつかぬ。何でも薄暗いじめじめした所でニャーニャー泣いてた事だけは記憶している。吾輩はここで始めて人間というものを  
見た。しかもあとで聞くとそれは書生という人間中で一番  
悪な種族であつた。その時々々我々を捕へて煮た。食うという考もなかつた。何となく怖いから別段恐し  
いと思つた。