

Proper Adjectives

RULES

A **proper adjective** is an adjective formed from a proper noun.

Tom is **Chinese**.

We flew the **American** flag.

The suffix -an, -ish, or -ese may be added to proper nouns to form proper adjectives. Notice that a proper adjective is always capitalized.

Proper Noun	Proper Adjective	Proper Noun	Proper Adjective
Africa	African	Japan	Japanese
America	American	Korea	Korean
Canada	Canadian	Mexico	Mexican
China	Chinese	Poland	Polish
Egypt	Egyptian	Russia	Russian
England	English	Spain	Spanish
Hawaii	Hawaiian	Sweden	Swedish
Italy	Italian	Turkey	Turkish

THINK AND
WRITE

Adjectives
Write why a
proper
adjective is
always
capitalized.



Guided Practice

Write the proper adjective in each sentence. Write the noun it describes.

EXAMPLE: The Turkish delegates met at the United Nations.

proper adjective: Turkish; noun: delegates

1. There is a Russian translator at the United Nations. _____
2. The Polish ambassador is an interesting man. _____
3. Some Spanish diplomats are going to the meeting. _____
4. The Mexican flag flies outside the building. _____
5. A Japanese restaurant is on the corner. _____

REVIEW THE RULES

- Proper adjectives are formed from proper nouns.
- Proper adjectives are always capitalized.

More Practice

A. Write each proper adjective. Write the noun it describes.

6. The Egyptian lawyer is downstairs. _____
7. An Italian man is speaking now. _____
8. The Turkish embassy is nearby. _____
9. The Chinese spokesperson is about to leave. _____
10. A Swedish representative is taking notes. _____

B. Write each sentence. Capitalize the proper adjectives.

11. The korean language is spoken here. _____
12. The african writer was given an award. _____
13. We discussed english history. _____
14. Many canadian families came to the city. _____
15. The hawaiian leader spoke at the banquet. _____