

Adjectives that describe nationality

Adjectives that describe nationality are always written with capital letters.

We usually form country adjectives by **adding -n** to the end of the word.

Example: America → American

But we can also use **-ese**, **-i**, **-ian** and **-ish** to build country adjectives.

Example: Japan → Japanese

The table below provides an overview of country adjectives.

	suffix	country	adjective	example
1)	-ese	Sudan	Sudanese	In China, we met a lot of Chinese people.
		China	Chinese	
		Portugal	Portuguese	
2)	-i	Yemen	Yemeni	Pakistani cuisine is often served with rice or bread.
		Qatar	Qatari	
		Oman	Omani	
		Pakistan	Pakistani	
		United Arab Emirates	Emirati	
3	-ian	Italy	Italian	Canadian people are famous for being very polite.
		Palestine	Palastinian	
		Canada	Canadian	
		Brazil	Brazilian	
		Norway	Norwegian	
4	n	Austria	Austrian	Jamaican music is famous all of the world.
		Jamaica	Jamaican	
		Russia	Russian	
		America	American	
		Australia	Australian	
		Canada	Canadian	
		Tunisia	Tunisian	
5	ish	Spain	Spanish	British weather is not the best.
		Turkey	Turkish	
		Great Britain	British	
		Poland	Polish	
		Sweden	Swedish	
		Ireland	Irish	
		Finland	Finnish/Finns	

Some countries have irregular forms.

Example:

Germany → German France → French Greece → Greek Switzerland → Swiss

1) Complete the names of the countries and country adjectives / nationalities in the table below:-

	Countries	Country Adjectives/Nationalities
1	The United States of America	American
2		Greek
3		Russian
4		Polish
5	France	
6		Australian
7	United Arab Emirates	
8		Portuguese
9	Tunisia	
10		Canadian
11	Pakistan	
12		Chinese
13	Norway	

2) Use words from the table in Activity 2 to complete the sentences.

1) Michael Jordan is a famous American basketball player.

2) The ancient Olympic games took place in _____.

3) Al Maktoum, the first _____ gold-medallist, won his medal for rifle shooting.

4- _____ was selected to host the 2008 CE Olympics Games.

5- The 2000 Millenium Games were held in the _____ city of Sydney.

6- The 1994 Winter Olympic Games were held in the frozen city of Lillehammer, in the Scandinavian country of _____.

