A proper adjective is (1) a proper noun used as an adjective or (2) an adjective formed from a proper noun.

### Exercise 1: Identifying Proper Adjectives
Underline the proper adjective in each sentence below. Then, circle the noun it modifies.

**EXAMPLE:** My [underline]uncle[underline] is Chinese.

1. Scandinavian winters are long and cold.
2. We went down the river in an Eskimo kayak.
3. The class had a perfect June day for graduation.
4. Brazilian restaurants are becoming very popular.
5. The cruise will stop at several Caribbean ports.
6. Do you like Mel Gibson films?
7. The coffee was made from fresh-ground Colombian coffee beans.
8. Italian ice is a refreshing summertime dessert.
9. I am reading a collection of Greek myths.
10. Mom has always admired that Monet painting.

### Exercise 2: Using Proper Adjectives to Modify Nouns
Rewrite each group of words below to include a proper adjective before the underlined noun.

**EXAMPLE:** a vacation in Europe → a [underline]European[underline] vacation

1. a new video made by Michael Jackson
2. the soccer team from Australia
3. an opera written by an Italian
4. a diplomat from the Middle East
5. an island in the Mediterranean
6. the overture by Tchaikovsky
7. a spokesman in the White House
8. snowstorms in Alaska
9. the potato from Idaho
10. a representative from California
### Exercise 1  Identifying Proper Adjectives
Underline the proper adjective in each sentence below. Then, circle the noun it modifies.

**EXAMPLE:** My family dined at an **Italian** restaurant.

1. Georgia peaches are famous for their sweet taste.
2. Patricia prefers French dressing on her salad.
3. We have tickets to hear a Beethoven symphony.
4. Put the Swiss watch on the counter.
5. The actor wore a Panama hat and carried a cane.
6. A Parisian designer made this dress.
7. We read several examples of Spanish literature.
8. The Canadian team is well prepared.
9. March winds howled around us as we landed in Chicago.
10. Michelle wrote to the Venezuelan embassy for information.

### Exercise 2  More Work With Proper Adjectives
Follow the directions for Exercise 1.

1. Last year we vacationed on a Hawaiian island.
2. A Chaplin movie is playing nearby.
3. Have you seen the Portuguese coins?
4. Susan wants to read the Carter memoirs.
5. My mother chose Mediterranean furniture.
6. Our club met during the Christmas vacation.
7. An Irish leprechaun is the team mascot.
8. The Swedish film has a good plot.
9. We decided to go to a Mexican restaurant.
10. I can play a Chopin waltz on the piano.

### Writing Application  Writing Sentences With Proper Adjectives
Imagine that you took a trip around the world. Write five sentences about things you saw and did. Use a proper adjective, such as French, Spanish, Mexican, Peruvian, or Greek, in each sentence.

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