

16.1 Proper Adjectives • Practice 1

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

PROPER ADJECTIVES	
Proper Nouns Used as Adjectives	Proper Adjective Forms
Philadelphia lawyer	Parisian restaurant
Franklin stove	Jeffersonian democracy
United States Army base	American citizens

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

EXAMPLE: My uncle is Chinese.

- Scandinavian winters are long and cold.
- We went down the river in an Eskimo kayak.
- The class had a perfect June day for graduation.
- Brazilian restaurants are becoming very popular.
- The cruise will stop at several Caribbean ports.
- Do you like Mel Gibson films?
- The coffee was made from fresh-ground Colombian coffee beans.
- Italian ice is a refreshing summertime dessert.
- I am reading a collection of Greek myths.
- 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 European vacation

- a new video made by Michael Jackson _____
- the soccer team from Australia _____
- an opera written by an Italian _____
- a diplomat from the Middle East _____
- an island in the Mediterranean _____
- the overture by Tchaikovsky _____
- a spokesman in the White House _____
- snowstorms in Alaska _____
- the potato from Idaho _____
- a representative from California _____

16.1 Proper Adjectives • Practice 2

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.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____