



Mini-lesson 51: Proper Adjectives (American, French, etc.)

Objective:

To help students recognize and correctly use **proper adjectives** that come from names of people, places, or things.

Explanation:

Proper adjectives are formed from **proper nouns**—names of specific people, countries, cities, or regions. They always begin with a **capital letter** and are often used to describe nationality, origin, style, or something related to a specific place or person.

 Think of them as adjectives that come from names!

Common Examples

Proper Noun	Proper Adjective	Example Sentence
America	American	I love American movies.
Brazil	Brazilian	She made a Brazilian dish.
China	Chinese	Chinese tea is famous worldwide.
Shakespeare	Shakespearean	We studied Shakespearean drama in class.
Italy	Italian	He enjoys Italian food.
Canada	Canadian	My favorite singer is Canadian.
Japan	Japanese	I have a Japanese dictionary.
France	French	We bought some French cheese.
Russia	Russian	He speaks fluent Russian.
India	Indian	Indian spices are very popular.



Notes:

- Proper adjectives are always **capitalized**.
- Don't confuse proper adjectives with **common adjectives** like "spicy" or "delicious."
- They are often used before **nouns**: *French wine, Brazilian music, Japanese culture*.

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Practice 1 – Choose the correct proper adjective:

1. She loves (french / French) fashion.
 2. We had a (japanese / Japanese) exchange student.
 3. He made a delicious (italian / Italian) pizza.
 4. I prefer (american / American) TV shows.
 5. They visited a (russian / Russian) museum.
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Practice 2 – Complete the sentences with a proper adjective:

1. My friend speaks _____ (from Spain).
 2. That designer is famous for _____ (from Italy) shoes.
 3. We studied _____ (from Greece) mythology.
 4. I had a _____ (from Mexico) taco for lunch.
 5. I bought some _____ (from China) tea.
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Practice 3 – Write full sentences using the proper adjective in parentheses:

1. (Brazilian)
→ _____
2. (Japanese)
→ _____
3. (Canadian)
→ _____
4. (French)
→ _____
5. (Indian)
→ _____



✓ Answer Key

Practice 1:

1. French
2. Japanese
3. Italian
4. American
5. Russian

Practice 2:

1. Spanish
2. Italian
3. Greek
4. Mexican
5. Chinese

Practice 3: (answers will vary – here are examples)

1. I watched a Brazilian movie last night.
2. My Japanese phone works really well.
3. A Canadian author wrote that novel.
4. We ordered some French pastries.
5. I enjoy Indian music and dance.