PROPER ADJECTIVES

A common noun names any one member of a group of people, places, or things. A proper noun names a particular person, place or thing. An adjective formed from a proper noun is called a **proper adjective.** A proper adjective begins with a capital letter.

Proper noun: *Ireland* is famous for its wool.

Proper adjective: *Irish* sheep have soft wool.

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| Proper Noun | Proper Adjective |
| Africa | African |
| Canada | Canadian |
| Egypt | Egyptian |
| Germany | German |
| Poland | Polish |
| Spain | Spanish |
| Vietnam | Vietnamese |

Here are some proper nouns and the adjectives formed from them.

Which sentence includes a proper adjective?

1. I eat linguine.
2. Pasta is good.
3. I like Italian food.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the proper adjective. It is formed from the proper noun \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Classwork

Directions: Underline the proper adjective in each sentence. Circle the noun it describes.

1. We tasted Viennese pastries in Austria.

2. I drank Chinese tea.

3. Mexican cocoa is usually made with cinnamon.

4. The Korean national dish is kimchee, which is pickled cabbage.

5. Yams are popular in Nigerian cooking.

Directions: Write the proper adjective of the word that is in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

1. The sitar is the best-known \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instrument. (India)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ didgeridoo looks like a

bassoon. (Australia)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bagpipes are difficult to play. (Scotland)
2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ storytelling drum is made of

hide decorated with designs. (Morocco)

1. Some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ music uses steel drums. (Jamaica)