

## Proper Adjectives

**14c.** An *adjective* modifies a noun or a pronoun.

An adjective that is formed from a proper noun is called a *proper adjective*.

NOUNS	ADJECTIVES
China	<b>Chinese</b> tea
Easter	<b>Easter</b> Sunday
America	<b>American</b> car
Buddhist	<b>Buddhist</b> shrine
Hong Kong	<b>Hong Kong</b> harbor

**EXERCISE A** On the lines provided, write the proper adjectives for the proper nouns given. You may consult a dictionary.

**Example 1.** California     *Californian*    

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| 1. Sweden _____   | 6. San Francisco _____ |
| 2. New York _____ | 7. Labor Day _____     |
| 3. Socrates _____ | 8. Iraq _____          |
| 4. Homer _____    | 9. Java _____          |
| 5. Italy _____    | 10. Mars _____         |

**EXERCISE B** In the following sentences, underline all common adjectives once. Do not include articles. Underline all proper adjectives twice.

**Example 1.** Examples of Etruscan art, greatly influenced by the Greeks, can still be found in ancient tombs.

- The Bensons just installed Mexican tiles throughout their new home.
- Explain five differences between the Turkish and Ottoman empires.
- Do you think the Japanese culture encourages a stoic attitude toward difficult situations?
- Next Thursday will mark the last annual meeting of Spanish-American War veterans.
- After twenty laps, Jacy threw himself with a Herculean effort into the finish-line tape.