

Proper adjectives are made from proper nouns. A proper adjective always begins with a capital letter.

EXAMPLES

Proper noun:	He is an American .
Proper adjective:	He is an American soldier.
Proper noun:	I visited Mexico .
Proper adjective:	I love Mexican food.

Activity A Write the proper adjectives in these sentences on your paper. Beside each proper adjective, write the noun or pronoun it describes. Read carefully. Some capitalized words are proper nouns.

- 1) Bess studied Spanish first period.
- 2) She almost forgot her Spanish book.
- 3) In her English class, Bess was studying Shakespearean literature.
- 4) She liked American literature better.
- 5) This year in social studies, we learned about Native American cultures.
- 6) This beautiful woven blanket is Native American.
- 7) Bess had never tasted Thai food.

Activity B Use these proper adjectives in sentences. Write the sentences on your paper. Be sure to use these words as adjectives that describe nouns or pronouns.

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| 1) Spanish | 5) African |
| 2) German | 6) Brazilian |
| 3) Chinese | 7) American |
| 4) Democratic | 8) Olympic |

Activity C Complete each sentence with a proper adjective. Write the complete sentence on your paper.

- 1) We ordered _____ dressing for our salad.
- 2) Mr. Cruz likes _____ cheese.
- 3) Lori studied the _____ language last year.
- 4) They live in Germany, but they are _____ citizens.
- 5) He belongs to the _____ political party.
- 6) Is _____ cooking easier than it looks?
- 7) We saw examples of _____ art.
- 8) Both his grandparents are _____.

Activity D Write the words in bold on your paper. Beside each word, write whether it is used as a proper noun or a proper adjective. Beside each proper adjective, write the noun or pronoun it describes.

- 1) I like **French** onion soup.
- 2) Mark lives in **Philadelphia**.
- 3) He is a **Philadelphia** boy.
- 4) Kareem watched the **Russian** jugglers.
- 5) He practiced saying “hello” and “good-bye” in **Russian**.
- 6) Amy Tan is an **Asian American** writer.
- 7) Next summer I want to travel along the **Spanish** coast.
- 8) I’d like to study **Spanish** first.
- 9) The exchange student who stayed with us last year was **Spanish**.
- 10) The instructions for the VCR were in **Japanese**.
- 11) The high school band will march in the **Thanksgiving Day** parade.
- 12) That is an **African** elephant.

Lesson 3 Review

Part A Write these sentences on your paper. Capitalize all of the proper adjectives. Then draw an arrow from the proper adjective to the noun it describes.

Example Jon likes the beat of Latin music.

- 1) My older sister fixed up that old ford truck.
- 2) He likes swiss cheese.
- 3) We read several spanish and italian folktales.
- 4) They spent the summer camping along the maine coast.
- 5) Melissa's father is american and her mother is canadian.
- 6) You are invited to our memorial day picnic.

Part B Make each proper noun a proper adjective and use it in a sentence. Write the sentences on your paper. Draw an arrow from each proper adjective to the noun or pronoun it describes.

- 1) Germany
- 2) Fourth of July
- 3) Spain
- 4) United States
- 5) Democrat
- 6) South America
- 7) China

Common nouns can be used as adjectives. To figure out if a word is a noun or an adjective, look at how it is used in the sentence.

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- Noun: Paul ordered a large **salad**.
- Adjective: What kind of **salad** dressing would you like?
(*Salad* describes the noun *dressing*.)
- Noun: Vera plays **basketball**.
- Adjective: Vera plays on the **basketball** team.
(*Basketball* describes the noun *team*.)

Activity A Write the words in bold on your paper. Beside each word, write whether it is a *noun* or an *adjective*. If a word is an adjective, write the noun that the adjective describes.

- 1) I'm looking for a **summer** job.
- 2) My sister found a great job for the **summer**.
- 3) She was hired by the **city**.
- 4) It sponsors a **jobs** program for teens.
- 5) Vera will be working as a **park** leader.
- 6) She will probably work at the **park** near our house.
- 7) The pay is good for a **city** job.
- 8) She gets to be outside all day playing **basketball** with little kids.
- 9) Wasn't Vera one of the best **basketball** players on the girls' team?
- 10) In fact, three different **college** coaches have called her.
- 11) They have offered her a **scholarship** to play at their school.
- 12) Vera has not decided which **college** she will go to yet.

Lesson 4 Review

Part A Write the common nouns used as adjectives in these sentences on your paper. Beside each adjective, write the noun it describes.

- 1) Bill grabbed his lunch bag and ran out the door.
- 2) He was going to be late for the newspaper meeting.
- 3) Bill enjoyed working on the school paper.
- 4) As the sports reporter, he went to all the games.
- 5) Talking to team members before and after the games was fun.
- 6) Last week, he covered a big track event.
- 7) The night before, he joined the team for a spaghetti dinner.
- 8) On the bus ride the next day, he spoke to the coaches and athletes.
- 9) He jotted down his interview notes in a notebook.
- 10) After the game, he went to the computer room at school to write his article.

Part B Write a sentence on your paper using each of these common nouns as an adjective. Draw an arrow from the adjective to the noun it describes.

- 1) baseball
- 2) fruit
- 3) winter
- 4) tomato
- 5) school