Proper Adjectives

A **proper adjective** is an adjective that is formed from a proper noun. A proper adjective always begins with a capital letter.

*Examples:*

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Write the proper adjective from each sentence. Then write the proper noun from which the proper adjective was formed.

1. The African nations were especially interesting.
   
2. We bought some beautiful Hungarian crystal.
   
3. The English language was spoken there.
   
4. Our Yugoslavian friend came with us on our trip around the world.
   
5. Joyce enjoyed the Italian paintings.
   
6. Ralph liked the visit to a Tibetan monastery.
   
7. I studied Islamic law at the university.
   
8. Ron purchased a postcard with a picture of Nefertiti, a beautiful Egyptian queen.
   
9. We purchased Japanese paper for origami.
   
10. The Mexican pottery was less expensive at the market.

Write a sentence using the proper adjective formed from each proper noun.

11. China (Chinese)
    
12. Spain (Spanish)
    
13. Armenia (Armenian)
    
14. Britain (British)
    
15. Texas (Texan)
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Answer Key

1. African; Africa
2. Hungarian; Hungary
3. English; England
4. Yugoslavian; Yugoslavia
5. Italian; Italy
6. Tibetan; Tibet
7. Islamic; Islam
8. Egyptian; Egypt
9. Japanese; Japan
10. Mexican; Mexico
11.–15. Sentences will vary. Be sure that proper adjectives are used correctly.