ADJECTIVES

Say It Properly

A proper noun is the name of a specific person, place, or thing, and always begins with a capital letter. For example:

George Washington, Chicago, Apple computers

A proper adjective comes from a proper noun. For example:

Plays written by Shakespeare are Shakespearean.
Something made in Italy is Italian.

DIRECTIONS

In the sentences below, change the proper nouns in boldface into proper adjectives. Careful! Some are tricky.

1. When I go to France, I will eat a big, long roll of delicious __________________ bread.

2. China is the most heavily populated nation on Earth because over one billion __________________ people live there.

3. People who live in Australia speak English, but it’s a very __________________ kind of English.

4. I never understood why __________________ cheese had so many holes in it, so I took a trip to Switzerland to find out.

5. The time that Queen Victoria ruled Great Britain in the 1800s is now called the __________________ Era.

6. I wonder if __________________ jumping beans really come from Mexico.

7. Since Shakespeare wrote his sonnets when Elizabeth I was queen of England, they’re called __________________ sonnets.

8. I’m reading a new book about the planet Mars because I love anything __________________ .

9. This little store sells folk art from Peru, and I just bought some __________________ ceramics.

10. The new chef in my cousin’s restaurant comes from Ireland and can cook a fabulous __________________ stew.