

What Are Proper Adjectives?

A **Proper Adjective** is formed from a proper noun and begins with a capital letter.

The following suffixes are often used to create proper adjectives: *-an*, *-ian*, *-ese*, and *-ish*.

Examples:

People in America are called **Americans**.

People in China are called **Chinese**.

The best **Mexican** tacos are at that restaurant.

Shakespeare wrote **Shakespearian** plays.

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Liam Neeson as Scottish Highlander, Robert Roy MacGregor—1994—United Artists

"The **French**," said the Templar, raising his voice with the presumptuous and authoritative tone which he used upon all occasions, "is not only the natural language of the chase, but that of love and of war, in which ladies should be won and enemies defied."

"Pledge me in a cup of wine, Sir Templar," said Cedric, "and fill another to the Abbot, while I look back some thirty years to tell you another tale. As Cedric the Saxon then was, his plain **English** tale needed no garnish from **French** troubadours, when it was told in the ear of beauty; and the field of Northallerton, upon the day of the Holy Standard, could tell whether the **Saxon** war-cry was not heard as far within the ranks of the **Scottish** host as the 'cri de guerre' of the boldest **Norman** baron. To the memory of the brave who fought there! ---Pledge me, my guests." He drank deep, and went on with increasing warmth.