



An adjective is generally used to refer to the nationality of a person or origin of a thing. To form this adjective, the name of the country, region, continent ... will be taken and a suffix will be added. The most common suffixes are: **-an, -ese, -ish, -ch, or -i.**

COUNTRY	ADJECTIVE	NOUN
Colombia	Colombian	A Colombian
Cuba	Cuban	A Cuban
Denmark	Danish	A Dane
Finland	Finnish	A Finn
Britain	British	A Briton
France	French	A Frenchman
Germany	German	A German
Holland	Dutch	A Dutchman
Japan	Japanese	A Japanese
Spain	Spanish	A Spaniard
Sweden	Swedish	A Swede

a person is used



I love **Chinese** food.



My father is drinking an **Irish** coffee.

When we want to mention the inhabitants of a country, the adjective of nationality is usually used followed by person, man, woman ... if we refer to a single person, or people, men, women ... if we refer to more than one.



A **Japanese** man has broken the world record



Two Japanese people were robbed yesterday while they were sightseeing.

When we want to refer to a group of people of a certain nationality, either the article the in front of the nationality or the nationality followed by the word people, is used. When the suffix is -an, among others, the article can be omitted. They can also be followed by the word people.



The Chinese / Chinese people have a totally different culture.



The Germans / German people tend to have a strong character.

Check Yourself

Complete the countries and nationalities.



a. They are from Asia. They are **Asian**.



b. They are from **Africa**. They are **African**.



c. They are from Europe. They are **European**.



d. They are from **America**. They are **American**.

Now complete the sentences.

- a. That **Swedish** student doesn't like meatballs (Sweden)
- b. It's the new **Indian** student. (India)
- c. I prefer the hair of the **Japanese** (Japan)
- d. **Brazilians** are really friendly. (Brazil)
- e. We are going to talk about **Canada**, who knows anything? (Canada)
- f. We are going to talk about **Canada**, who knows anything? (Canada)
- g. Is it true that the **British** people sleep on the floor? (Britain)
- h. I love this **Turkish** meal! (Turkey)

3 Match each country with the correct picture.



- 1- ITALY
- 2- FRANCE
- 3- GERMANY
- 4- RUSSIA
- 5- SPAIN
- 6- CHINA
- 7- MEXICO
- 8- GREECE
- 9- CANADA
- 10- BRAZIL
- 11- IRELAND
- 12- JAPAN

