

COUNTRIES AND NATIONALITIES



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

• When we want to refer to the provenance or origin of a thing, the same adjective that applies to 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 / Germans people tend to have a strong character.

Activity

1 Complete the countries and nationalities.



a. They are from Asia. They are Asian.



b. They are from America. They are American.



c. They are from Europe. They are European.



b. They are from Africa. They are African.

2 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. Brazilian are really friendly. (Brazil)
- e. We are going to talk about Canadian, who knows anything? (Canada)
- f. We are going to talk about Canadian, 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