

# Proper Adjectives and Names of School Subjects

## 13f. Capitalize proper adjectives.

A *proper adjective* is formed from a proper noun and is capitalized.

### PROPER NOUN

### PROPER ADJECTIVE

Germany

a **G**erman scientist

Kansas City

a **K**ansas **C**ity landmark

Mexico

a **M**exican artist

William Shakespeare

a **S**hakespearean play

## 13g. Do not capitalize the names of school subjects, except course names followed by numerals and languages.

**EXAMPLES** After lunch I go to **F**rench class and then to **a**rt and then to **A**lgebra I.

**EXERCISE A** In each sentence below, draw a slanting line through any error in capitalization and write the letter correctly above the error.

**Example 1.** My new classes are <sup>S</sup>~~s~~panish and home economics.

- Our junior high offers french, spanish, and russian courses.
- The Chunnel connects England and France by way of the english Channel.
- Shakespeare was the most famous of the elizabethan playwrights.
- We studied the sculpture of Rodin in my Art History course.
- The canadian and mexican nations are two nations on the north american continent.
- I am taking an american history course as well as chemistry I.
- The United States bought the alaskan region from the russian government.
- Are you going to take government II in summer school?
- Must you complete algebra II before you can take a geometry class?
- In Mrs. Bard's Geography class this semester, we will focus on african and asian countries.

**EXERCISE B** For each proper noun, give a corresponding proper adjective. For each proper adjective, give a corresponding proper noun. You may consult a dictionary.

**Example 1.** Turkey Turkish

- Texas \_\_\_\_\_
- Celt \_\_\_\_\_
- Japan \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewish \_\_\_\_\_
- Scandinavia \_\_\_\_\_