

## Noun or adjective?

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Tourism can be very benefit to poorer areas.  
b Tourism can be very beneficial to poorer areas.
- 2 a In my job, you need the confidence to address large groups of people.  
b In my job, you need the confident to address large groups of people.

Sometimes it is easy to confuse a noun with its adjective. Look at the following list of commonly confused nouns and adjectives:

| Noun        | Adjective   | Noun           | Adjective   |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| age         | aged        | noise          | noisy       |
| development | developed   | responsibility | responsible |
| difference  | different   | significance   | significant |
| education   | educational | silence        | silent      |
| happiness   | happy       | sport          | sports      |
| health      | healthy     | truth          | true        |
| maturity    | mature      | value          | valuable    |
| nature      | natural     | youth          | young       |

☆ Note that *invaluable* means very valuable!

☆ Men and women can only be used as nouns: *More **men** than **women** work here.*

Male and female are used as adjectives: *The number of **female employees** is increasing each year. (not ~~women-employees~~)*

You should refer to either *men and women* or *male and female*. Do not use the two different terms together: *~~Male employees far outnumber the women.~~*

### 2 Correct the mistake below.



I'm looking for a .....

### 3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

- 1 I can't tell the different between the fake designer goods and the real ones.
- 2 The advice my tutor gave me was unvaluable in the exam.
- 3 It is important to eat a health diet when you are studying or exercising hard.
- 4 In some countries, there are no women members of parliament.
- 5 I can't study in silent; I need to have music in the background.
- 6 A child who is loved is a happiness child.
- 7 Both women and males need to be included in these decisions.
- 8 The landlord complained because we were making too much noisy.