30 Common spelling errors

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a Some people believe that there should be more women in goverment
  b Some people believe that there should be more women in government
2 a It is the responsibility of every contry to protect the environment
  b It is the responsibility of every country to protect the environment

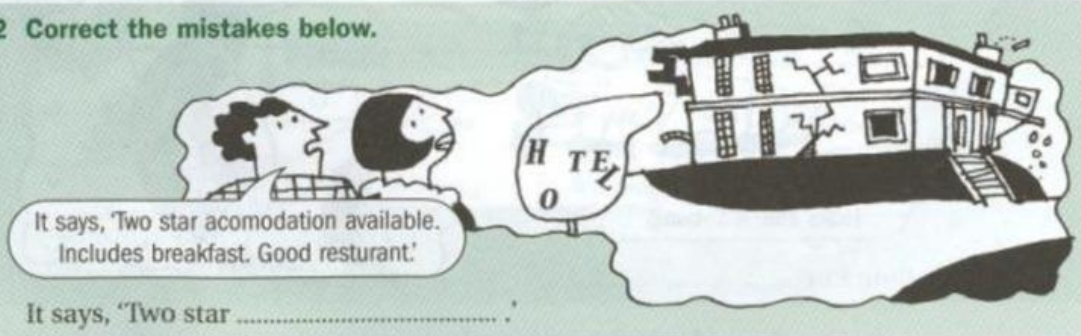
Some words are spelled incorrectly because they are similar to another word:

- *to* or *too*? *I want to go **to** the park. I wanted a new computer but ended up with a printer **too**.* (= as well)
- *there* or *their*? *Your book is **there**, on the table. Students must buy **their** books before the start of term.*
- *though* or *through*? *Several students chose Russian **though** they had never studied a language before. The tour guide led the group **through** some areas of ancient rainforest.*

Sometimes there is confusion over British and American spellings:
e.g. *programme* = British *program* = American
☆ Use either British or American spellings, but do not mix the two different styles:
(UK) *It's my **favourite colour**.* or: (US) *It's my **favorite color**.* (not ~~*It's my favourite color.*~~)

The following words are also often spelled incorrectly. Pay particular attention to those with double letters: *accommodation, advertisement, always, benefit, beginning, business, commercial, country, different, environment, government, nowadays, occurred, passenger, restaurant, teacher, which*

2 Correct the mistakes below.



It says, 'Two star ..... .'

3 Correct the spelling mistakes in the sentences below.

1 The goverment of my contry has introduced a new system to encourage recycling.
2 I am not sure wich of the students has brought there camera.
3 Nowdays you need to be sure to read advertisments carefully.
4 It makes good comercial sense to invest time and money in your busines.
5 My geography teatcher taught us a lot about the enviroment.
6 The passangers had to walk throught several corridors to reach the plane.
7 My sister has to watch her favourite TV programme every nite.
8 There are many benifits in using the internet to book acomodation.

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