7 Common spelling mistakes

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a We have become very dependant on computers.
  b We have become very dependent on computers.
2 a You need to have a clear idea of what you want to achieve.
  b You need to have a clear idea of what you want to acheive.

Nouns which are commonly misspelt include:
accommodation, benefit, country, environment, government, percentage, proportion

In British English, the noun ***programme*** has two main meanings:
*a training **programme*** = a series of sessions; *a TV **programme*** = a TV broadcast
But: *a **computer program*** = computer software

Words containing the *ie* or *ei* vowel combination often cause problems. British children learn a rhyme to help them remember: "**I** before **E** except after **C**."
achieve/achievement, believe/belief, hygiene/hygienic, retrieve/retrieval
But: *receive/receipt, deceive/deceit, ceiling*

In British English, *practice* is the spelling of the noun and *practise* is the verb form:
*Now they can put into **practice** what they have learnt.*
*It'll be a good opportunity to **practise** speaking English.*

The adjectives *dependent* and *independent* are spelt with *-ent* at the end:
*The degree of influence is **dependent on** a number of factors.*
Dependant is a noun referring to a person who depends on someone else financially:
*The company provides private healthcare for workers and their **dependants**.*

2 Correct the mistake below.



I think you need ..... .

3 Correct any spelling errors in the sentences below.

1 I beleive that successful companies need an experienced workforce.
2 We need to look at goverment expenditure on enviromental projects.
3 Food hygine is a major concern for restaurant owners.
4 Many farmers are dependent on foreign investors.
5 This money should be spent to benifit the poorest countaries.
6 Strong health and educational programes are vital for developing nations.
7 The propotion of women who acheive first class degrees is comparatively low.
8 Everyone has the right to practise their religion.

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