# 30 Using nouns and adjectives: *Britain*, *British* or *Briton*?

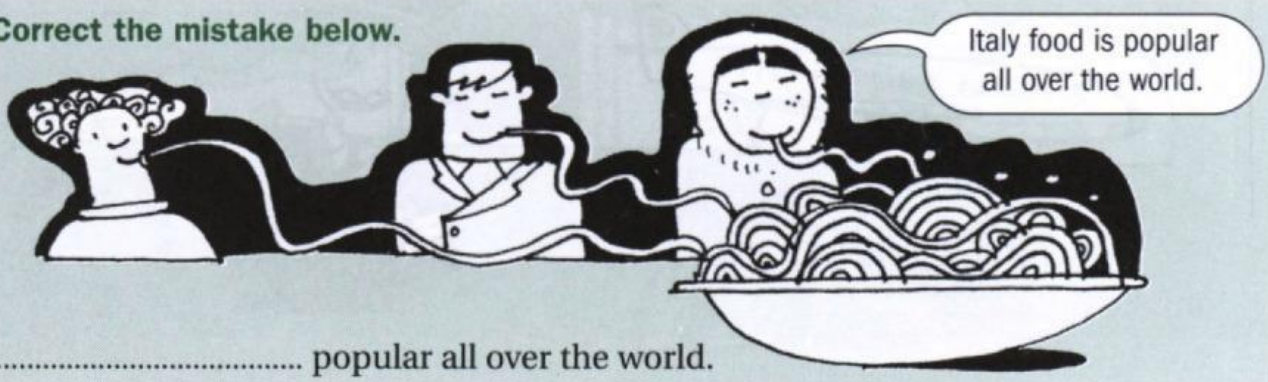
**1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.**

1 a The most popular country for Britons to visit in 1999 was France.
  b The most popular country for British to visit in 1999 was France.
2 a The company is based in the Thai capital, Bangkok.
  b The company is based in the Thailand capital, Bangkok.

To talk about things which belong to or come from a place, we use an adjective:
*a French word* *Thai food* *Most of the students are Asian.*
*UK* and *US* (not *USA*) are sometimes used as adjectives before a noun, especially referring to a company, a system or an organisation:
*the UK government* *UK companies* *British food* (not usually ~~*UK food*~~)
*the US legal system* *the US government* (not ~~*the USA government*~~)

The noun to refer to a person from a place is usually the same word as the adjective:
*an American, an Australian, a German, a Thai, an Asian, a European*
Some nationalities have a different word to refer to a person from that country:
*an Englishman/Englishwoman, a Frenchman/Frenchwoman, a Dutchman/Dutchwoman*
*a Dane* (Denmark), *a Filipino* (the Philippines), *a Finn* (Finland), *a New Zealander*, *a Pole* (Poland), *a Spaniard* (Spain), *a Swede* (Sweden), *a Turk* (Turkey)
*Briton* is often used to refer to a person from Britain in writing and news reports, but in conversation we usually talk about *a British person/man/woman*.
☆There are some common informal words for nationalities, such as *Brit*, *Aussie* and *Kiwi*. These are not appropriate in more formal writing.

**2 Correct the mistake below.**




..... popular all over the world.

**3 Complete the gaps using the best noun or adjective for the country given.**

1 (*Germany*) This could have a serious effect on the ..... economy.
2 (*Britain*) Several tourists were injured in the accident, including four ..... .
3 (*France*) According to statistics, ..... contributed $5.4 million in aid.
4 (*Sweden*) The average ..... drinks 7.8 kilograms of coffee a year.
5 (*China*) The population of ..... is more than 1.3 billion.
6 (*Australia*) The scheme was set up by the ..... government.
7 (*USA*) Machines selling fizzy drinks are to be banned in all ..... schools.
8 (*Africa*) AIDS is the most common cause of death in many ..... countries.


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