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## Noun or adjective?

What are nouns and adjectives? How do we use them correctly?

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

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

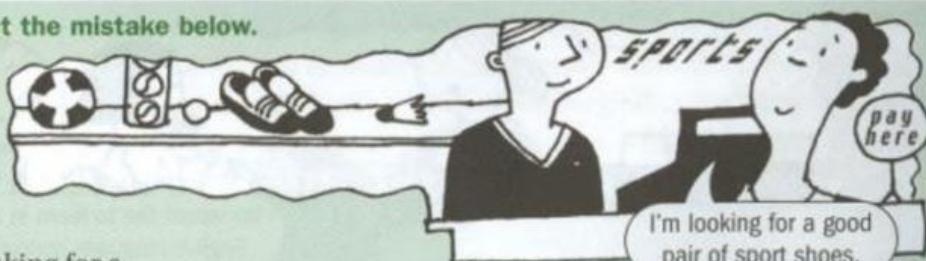
★ Note that *invaluable* means very valuable!

★ 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.