

Confusing Words Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

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idle
idol
idyll

2. Hindus worship

idols
idylls
idles

3. Our Caribbean holiday was a perfect

idyll
idol
idle

4. The police are cracking down on gambling.

elicit

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illicit

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5. The investigator was able to a confession from the accused.

evict

elicit

illicit

6. The of youth fade with maturity.

allusions

illusions

elusions

7. The state of tranquility soon erupted into war.

illusory

allusory

illusive

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8. An set director can always enhance the play.

imaginary

imaginative

imaginational

9. Lending someone your passport is an thing to do.

imbecilic

idiotic

Either could be used here

10. The young men consumed an amount of wine and fell asleep.

immodest

immoderate

immaculate

11. The management and the trade union have reached an

impasse

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passe
impass

12. The water shortage
..... the city's fire-
fighting capacity.

impaled
impaired
unpaired

Answers

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7. The illusory state of tranquility soon erupted into war.
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