

The following words are often confused.

1. The war had a dramatic ..... on oil prices.

effect

affect

Effect is a noun. Affect is a verb.

2. Did the war ..... oil prices?

effect

affect

Affect is the verb; effect is a noun.

3. Travel can be an excellent ..... to one's education.

compliment

complement

If something complements, it completes.

4. The hostess received glowing ..... on the dinner.

complements

compliments

A compliment is an expression of praise.

5. I made ..... inquiries about his credit rating.

discrete

discreet

Discreet means cautious, judicious; discrete means separate or distinct.

6. Churchill was one of the world's most ..... statesmen.

imminent

eminent

Eminent means illustrious.

7. A storm is .....

- eminent
- imminent

Imminent means about to happen.

8. Writing ad copy was a ..... of her creative talent.

- disuse
- misuse

Misuse means wrong use.

9. Parts of the document are faded and .....

- illegible
- eligible

Illegible means unreadable.

10. Mirrors give an ..... of more space in a room.

- illusion
- allusion

Illusion means misleading visual impression.

11. The teacher made an ..... to Shakespeare.

- illusion
- allusion

An allusion is a reference. An illusion is a false impression.

12. The student did ..... research research before writing the term paper.

- exhaustive

exhausting

Exhaustive means comprehensive. If something is exhausting, it is tiring.

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Answers

1. The war had a dramatic effect on oil prices.
2. Did the war affect oil prices?
3. Travel can be an excellent complement to one's education.
4. The hostess received glowing compliments on the dinner.
5. I made discreet inquiries about his credit rating.
6. Churchill was one of the world's most eminent statesmen.
7. A storm is imminent.
8. Writing ad copy was a misuse of her creative talent.
9. Parts of the document are faded and illegible.
10. Mirrors give an illusion of more space in a room.
11. The teacher made an allusion to Shakespeare.
12. The student did exhaustive research before writing the term paper.