

Confusing Words | Vocabulary Exercise

The following words are often confused.

1. The war had a dramatic on oil prices.

effect

affect

2. Did the war oil prices?

effect

affect

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

compliment

complement

4. The hostess received glowing on the dinner.

complements

compliments

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5. I made inquiries about his credit rating.

discrete
discreet

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

imminent
eminent

7. A storm is

eminent
imminent

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

disuse
misuse

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9. Parts of the document are faded and

- illegible
- eligible

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

- illusion
- allusion

11. The teacher made an to Shakespeare.

- illusion
- allusion

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

- exhaustive
- exhausting

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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.