

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 research before writing the term paper.