Easily confused words Quiz 1

Confusing words are words that are very similar in spelling or pronunciation. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence. Each question has only one correct answer.

1. The speaker made several ———— to mythology in his speech.
   allusions  illusions

2. We must make every effort to ———— a Third World War.
   avert  invert

3. He has great ———— for his daughter.
   affectation  affection

4. He is an ———— rogue.
   artful  artificial
5. Success often depends on a person’s ability to ———— himself / herself to changing circumstances.

adapt
adopt

6. I hate ———— in speech or manner.

affection
affectation

7. The writer has failed to support his arguments with ———— quotations.

apposite
opposite

8. She looked lovely in her ———— dress.

bridle
bridal
9. A child’s mind requires ————- surroundings to develop well.

congenital
congenial

10. He is ————- to violent methods.

averse
adverse

11. I can ————- the bare principles of the Special Theory of Relativity, but I can’t ————- the full implications of that theory.

apprehend, comprehend
comprehend, apprehend

12. Her ————- qualities endear her to everybody.

amiable
amicable
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Answers

1. The speaker made several allusions to mythology in his speech.

2. We must make every effort to avert a Third World War.

3. He has great affection for his daughter.

4. He is an artful rogue.

5. Success often depends on a person’s ability to adapt himself / herself to changing circumstances.

6. I hate affectation in speech or manner.

7. The writer has failed to support his arguments with apposite quotations.

8. She looked lovely in her bridal dress.

9. A child’s mind requires congenial surroundings to develop well.

10. He is averse to violent methods.

11. I can apprehend the bare principles of the Special Theory of Relativity, but I can’t comprehend the full implications of that theory.

12. Her amiable qualities endear her to everybody.