

Confusing Words

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the given pair of **confusing words**.

1 elicit / illicit

To _____ the required information, one should know how to ask or set questions.

2 imperative / impervious

It is _____ that our leaders possess both ability and personality.

3 momentary / momentous

Don't provoke her further so as to allow her _____ anger to die down.

4 prolific / prolix

I like writing and have published books regularly. Am I considered a _____ writer?

5 effective / efficient

Since your secretary can work fast and well, she is really _____.

6 urbane / urban

More often than not, _____ people live more hectic lives than country people.

7 transmute / transmit

We will _____ the broadcast of the World Cup by satellite.

8 superfluous / superficial

Words which do not mean anything are _____ and must be crossed out.

9 specious / spacious

A bungalow is more _____ than a flat, but is it also more comfortable?

10 resource / recourse

Work hard to earn money yourself; you should never have _____ to money-lenders.

11 insist / persist

You tend to get what you want if you can _____ in your efforts.

12 device / devise

A good teacher has to try to _____ good teaching methods and techniques.

13 interrupt / interfere

It is inadvisable to _____ in others' private affairs unless you are forced to.

14 distinctive / distinct

Scholars shine by having _____ academic achievements.

15 credible / creditable

All are impressed by David's _____ administrative work.

Answer Key:

- 1 elicit
- 2 imperative
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- 15 creditable