

First – Vocabulary – Confusing words

These words are very close, either in form or meaning. Choose the word which is correct for each sentence.

1. I really like heavy metal and there is some **classical** / **classic** music that I like to.
2. Hybrid cars are very **economic** / **economical** to run.
3. It was a long course, but I stuck with it and I **eventually** / **possibly** got a really valuable qualification.
4. The main thing with date of filing is to be very **effective** / **efficient**. Get the system right and don't waste time.
5. This is a **historic** / **historical** victory for the political party. It's the first time they have ever had a national president.
6. For heaven's sake next time do your work on a computer. Your handwriting is so bad it's **illegible** / **eligible**.
7. What is the **affect** / **effect** of oxidation on untreated metal surfaces?
8. Experimentation labs always claim that the animals which they use are treated **humanely** / **humanly**.
9. Did you have the **opportunity** / **possibility** to visit the Smithsonian in Washington, DC.
10. In class we often debate **actual** / **topical** questions, like the present problem of refugees and political asylum seekers.
11. How long did it take you to **adapt** / **adopt** to the different way of life in another country?
12. As the database is used, there is a **continuous** / **continual** updating process which is done automatically by the program.

Answers

1. Classical
2. Economical
3. Eventually
4. Efficient
5. Historic
6. Illegible
7. Effect
8. Humanely
9. Opportunity
10. Actual
11. Adapt
12. Continuous