

Advanced – vocabulary - Confusing Words

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. Your dress is a bit long, it should be no trouble at all to have it *changed/altere*.
2. He clapped his hands strongly in front of her face and she *blinked/winked*.
3. *Electric / electrical* engineering is what I want to study when I get to university.
4. Grow up already Dan! It's a wonder you have any friends acting so *childish / childlike*.
5. There is a *rumor / reputation* going around the office that John and Barbara are not just colleagues anymore
6. After every recession, there is always a period of economic growth. This is how the economic *cycle / circle* works.
7. The Basque country was once a flourishing coal mining community but now there are hundreds of *misused / disused* coal mines in the valleys.
8. She actually isn't a practicing psychiatrist but she is working as a *counsellor / councilor*.
9. It's hot. Let's go sit in the *shadow / shade* of that tree and have a drink of water.
10. I will be able to see you next week *eventually / possibly* on Tuesday, OK?
11. The tennis match was held up as the young American argued with the *umpire / referee* over whether the ball was in or out for 10 minutes.
12. Have you any idea of the present government's *politics / policy* on corruption in their ranks?
13. Our *financial / economic* worries were solved rather dramatically when my wife's father passed away.
14. England's World Cup campaign hasn't gone well. But all the criticism in the press has not helped the players *morals / morale*.
15. My new flat is just around the corner from the office, which is very *convenient / comfortable* for me at lunchtime.

ANSWERS

1. Altered
2. Blinked
3. Electrical
4. Childish
5. Rumor
6. Cycle
7. Disused
8. Counsellor
9. Shade
10. Possibly
11. Umpire
12. Policy
13. Financial
14. Morale
15. Convenient