

Commonly Confused Words

Exercise 2

Directions: Circle the correct word or phrase in each parenthesis.

1. What (affect, effect) did failing the course have on him?
2. The rare (phenomena, phenomenon) was seen by only one man in far West Texas.
3. The local village chief was the (principle, principal) figure in locating the archive room.
4. The director of the team had (immigrated, emigrated) from the United States ten years earlier.
5. The scientists were (incredible, incredulous) when they first heard the stories of the natives.
6. After the first full day, the men were exhausted and (laid, lay) down on their cots without eating.
7. The new director encountered a large (amount, number) of problems on his first day on the job.
8. Even though little was found at first, the (moral, morale) of the men did not deteriorate.
9. They were able to (imply, infer) from the stories they were told that there was something mysterious out in the jungle.
10. There were (less, fewer) injuries or accidents than had been expected.
11. The (sight, cite, site) of the old palace had been recently discovered by archeologists.
12. The leader of the expedition had to base his decision on outdated (criteria, criterion).
13. The (eminent, imminent) collapse of the palace had been foretold by ancient legend.
14. The oldest member of the team was (accepted, excepted) from going on the last, most dangerous mission.
15. The (capitol, capital) of Texas is not Dallas!
16. The last statue was (all ready, already) loaded when the word came from the United States.
17. The president of the National Geographic Society sent his (compliments, complements) to the members of the team.
18. El Paso is (farther, further) away than you think.
19. The award was shared (between, among) the three leaders of the expedition.
20. The stone in the idol's head weighed three (carats, carets, carrots).