

Confusing Words Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word.

1. A chaste mind has no room for thoughts.

carnal

carnival

cardinal

2. Decorum was the rule in the office.

carnal

cardinal

Either could be used here

3. The woman bought and exchanged three dresses in a week.

captious

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capricious

copious

4. The sleeping sentry received a strong
..... from his commanding officer.

censure

ensor

censer

5. The board removed a
scene from the movie.

censure

ensor

censer

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6. I could not follow his
reasoning.

circular

circuitous

circumscribed

7. Be in making important
decisions.

circumspect

circumscribe

circumvent

8. The businessman the deal
with a handshake.

clinched

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clenched

clicked

9. The United Fund is a of several charities.

collision

coalition

collusion

10. The recipe calls for salt.

coarse

coerce

chorus

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11. A good reporter can write a account of confusing events.

coherent

cohesive

Either could be used here

12. Tar is a substance.

cohesive

coherent

collateral

Answers

1. A chaste mind has no room for carnal thoughts.
2. Decorum was the cardinal rule in the office.
3. The capricious woman bought and exchanged three dresses in a week.
4. The sleeping sentry received a strong censure from his commanding officer.
5. The censor board removed a scene from the movie.
6. I could not follow his circuitous reasoning.

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7. Be circumspect in making important decisions.
8. The businessman clinched the deal with a handshake.
9. The United Fund is a coalition of several charities.
10. The recipe calls for coarse salt.
11. A good reporter can write a coherent account of confusing events.
12. Tar is a cohesive substance.