

10 Help yourself

Easily confused words activity

Some of the sentences below contain examples of misused words. Find the incorrect sentences. Draw a line through the incorrect word. Write the correct word in the space provided.

People often feel ~~ashamed~~ when they are expected to speak in public.

embarrassed

1 The failure of governments to reach an agreement on world trade is a classical example of the inefficiency of international diplomacy.

2 Despite its modern style, the new extension to the gallery really compliments the original old building.

3 Electronic devices such as iPods and MP3 players are becoming more popular every day.

4 It is often thought that international conflict is the result of inequalities among the northern and southern hemisphere.

5 Homeowners need to borrow increasingly large amounts of money to afford a big enough house for their family.

6 The principal reason for switching to Broadband is the ability to download data faster.

7 People with addictions often cannot except that the solution to the problem is in their own hands.

8 Governments are beginning to recognize the seriousness of the threat from global warming, at last.

9 Less young people participate in sport today since they get less encouragement from parents and schools.

10 The selection of Nigeria as the venue for the 2020 world cup is a historic decision in sport.

11 Climbing at high altitude often effects people's ability to think clearly.

12 After years of research, scientist have published a definitive study into the causes of diabetes.

13 Car accidents are often caused by mechanical faults which prevent vehicles from breaking effectively.

14 Successful judges should be uninterested and require an ability to view evidence with a clear mind.

Answer

1 classic
5 correct
9 Fewer (young people)
13 braking
2 compliments
6 correct
10 correct
14 disinterested
3 correct
7 accept
11 affects
4 between
8 at last
12 correct