SELF TEST FOR WORDS OFTEN CONFUSED

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of each pair.

1. accept, except
   Joan would not ____________ the gift.
   The soldier was __________________ed from guard duty that day.

2. effect, affect
   Your plan ____________s my purpose.
   What will be the ____________ of your decision?

3. already, all ready
   We'll leave when we are ____________.
   When we arrived, Bill had ____________ left.

4. capital, capitol
   He raised ____________ for the work.
   Many sightseers go to the state ____________.

5. loose, lose
   A ____________ wire caused all the trouble.
   Don't ____________ what you have gained.

6. stationery, stationary
   This statue is obviously ____________.
   I ordered a new box of ____________.

7. whose, who's
   ____________ going out for coffee today?
   ____________ pencil is that?

8. shone, shown
   Her face ____________ with happiness.
   The salesmen have ____________ themselves to be capable.
9. principle, principal

He had a________________________part in the action.

This is a sound________________________to follow.

10. personal, personnel

This is your________________________property.

This company has recruited interesting________________________.

11. dual, duel

The actress has a________________________role in this play.

Hamilton and Burr fought a________________________.

12. compliment, complement

This necklace will________________________your dress.

She enjoyed the________________________paid to her.

13. council, counsel

This is a________________________of older citizens.

The physician gave me sound________________________.

14. exceptional, exceptionable

This spelling minicourse is________________________.

The________________________action of the board created a disturbance in the meeting.

ANSWERS:

1. accept, except  8. shone, shown
2. affects, effect  9. principal, principle
3. all ready, already 10. personal, personnel
4. capital, capitol 11. dual, duel
5. loose, lose 12. complement, compliment
6. stationary, stationery 13. council, counsel
7. Who's, Whose 14. exceptional, exceptionable

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