

Diction and Idiom Errors Quiz 1

In the sentences below, identify each expression explained in my "Diction and Idiom Errors" list and correct any expressions that are used inappropriately. Each sentence contains more than one expression from the list.

1. The damage inflicted by the attack was so severe that we had no options left accept surrender.
2. His noisy entrance into the building gave us advanced notice of his arrival, so we were able to allude him.
3. Michelle Kwan's routine was not just alright; it was the most perfect performance I've ever seen.
4. The school she attended to was UC Davis, where she earned an advanced degree.
5. The first chapter alone contains around 20 illusions to the Bible.
6. This essay is in need for serious revision; in fact, you should probably rewrite it altogether.
7. The CEO decided to affect changes in the company's policies and adopt a new strategy because its current strategy was aggravating its already dire financial situation.
8. I became deeply absorbed in the book; even though I didn't agree to the author's claims, I appreciated his adhering so strictly with the rules of logic.

Answers to Diction and Idiom Errors Quiz 1

All of the expressions from the list that appear in each sentence are listed below; each incorrectly used expression is crossed out and followed by the appropriate expression.

1. inflicted; ~~accept~~ except
2. ~~advanced~~ advance; ~~allude~~ elude
3. ~~alright~~ all right; ~~most perfect~~ "it was perfect" or "it was the best performance..."
4. ~~attended to~~ attended; advanced
5. ~~around~~ about; ~~illusions~~ allusions
6. ~~in need for~~ in need of; altogether
7. ~~affect~~ effect; adopt; aggravating
8. absorbed in; ~~agree to~~ agree with; ~~adhering...with~~ adhering...to