

## AFFECT/ EFFECT Exercise

- **Affect** is always a **verb**, and it has three basic definitions:

1. *to produce a change*

The fear of fines **affects** my driving style.

Learning a foreign language may **affect** our perception of the world.

2. *to impress the mind or move the feelings*

Your essay **affected** me more than your speech.

The presenter's argument greatly **affected** the audience.

3. *to give a false appearance*

Pat likes to **affect** an German accent.

The person's sincerity was greatly **affected**.

- **Effect** can be used as a **noun** or a **verb**. It has four basic definitions:

### Noun

1. *something produced by an agent or cause; a result*

An **effect** of nuclear power is an increase in cost.

Testosterone amounts have a direct **effect** on our behavior.

2. *the state of being operative*

The DWI law went into **effect** 20 years ago.

The new semester curriculum will go into **effect** summer of 2010.

3. *main idea or meaning*

He wrote, in **effect**, that the fund-raising drive failed.

In **effect**, the political process was compromised.

### Verb

4. *to bring about; to cause to happen*

She **effected** changes in the rules governing attendance.

The recently elected president **effected** the political alliance.

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Circle the appropriate word – **affect** or **effect** – in each of the following sentences. Then, identify the word's correct meaning by putting the number of the definition above the word.

1. The artist's later work was (affected/effected) by the changing political climate.
2. Some medication may produce an (affect/effect) on the digestive system.
3. The actor (affected/effected) a cockney accent.
4. A curfew is currently in (affect/effect).
5. Recent research has studied how rock music (affects/effects) laboratory rats.
6. Computers are (affecting/effecting) our way of life.
7. The new manager (affected/effected) a modification of the company's stringent absentee policy.
8. The time clock at work went into (affect/effect) Monday morning.
9. The legislature feels, in (affect/effect), the new seat belt laws are needed.
10. Society worries that TV will (affect/effect) children negatively.