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** a 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/effect) by the changing political climate.
2. Some medication may produce an (affect/effect) on the digestive system.
3. The actor (affected/effect) 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/effect) 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.