

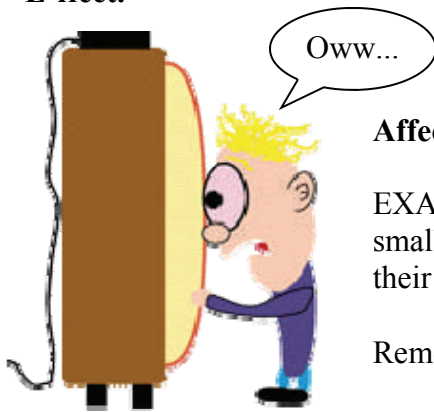
Grammar to Go: Affect and Effect

Directions: Which one to use...**affect** or **effect**. Our lives are **affected** every day by these two words, and the **effects**, both good and bad, can dramatically **affect** the **effectiveness** of your writing. If it sounds confusing, settle in for some more Grammar to Go as we figure all this out.

Every cause has an **effect**. Like this guy falling off a cliff. Although the exact mathematical calculations could determine his rate of descent, it doesn't quite matter, because the **effect** is the same:

Man + fall-off-of-tall-cliff = SPLAT!

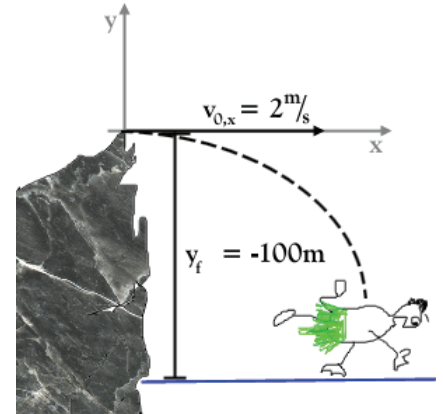
Cause and **effect**. I can **affect** something, but the result is not an **A-ffect** but an **E-ffect**.



Affect is used to show how one thing has influence over or changes something else.

EXAMPLE: Television **affects** young people in many different ways, some can watch in small doses and be fine, others **affected** so much that it seems as though they are glued to their screens.

Remember: The **effect** is the end result, and it is brought about by someone **affecting** it.



- 1) The _____ of alcohol on infants during pregnancy is horrific.
- 2) Some of the side-_____ of smoking are lung cancer and stroke.
- 3) Cars _____ the air we breathe by putting pollutants into the atmosphere.
- 4) The _____ of constant reading to children is that they become better readers as adults.
- 5) I cannot believe that ride _____ ed me so much! I almost got sick!
- 6) One of the many ways the president _____ s the country is in how he handles the budget.
- 7) We conduct science experiments to see what _____ it will produce.
- 8) What dress I choose will _____ what shoes I wear.
- 9) Too much exposure to intense sunlight has a terrible _____ on your skin.
- 10) The choices you make today _____ your future tomorrow.

The Super Sentence: The Ultimate example for using Today's **Grammar to Go**.

Video Games have **affected** our modern society by producing a generation of people who have grown up with electronic entertainment and the **effects** of this change are still being studied.