

Literacy Moments: Improving your English!



What's the difference between these
two types of words?

Verb

Noun

Challenge: Can you explain exactly what each is?

Which of these sentences do you think is correct?

1. Smoking has a negative affect on your health.
2. I hope it won't effect you too much.

**Trick question...they're both wrong!
Can you explain why they're wrong?**

Challenge: How can you explain your choice?

Effect Affect

Most of the time *effect* is a noun and *affect* is a verb.

If you're unsure, try substituting a different verb and see if it works.

As a child, he was *affected* by his parents.

As a child, he was ~~affected~~ eaten by his parents.

A verb works here so you should use "affected."

Does this help you understand how they're wrong?

C'MERE, RANDALL
I want to ingest you, just like I did your obnoxious parakeet

You ate him?!
But he sang only of love and beauty!
You're a monster, Dad!

Most of the time, you'll want **affect** as a verb meaning to influence something and **effect** for the something that was influenced. The difference between **affect** and **effect** is so slippery that people have started using "impact" as a verb instead.

Affect - VERB

Your poor grammar **affects** your credibility.

Effect - NOUN

I hope this post has good **effect** on your grammar.

Have a go at these questions...

Complete each sentence with the word **affect** or **effect**.

Affect is a verb meaning to act on, change or influence.

Effect is a noun meaning a result, an impression or something that comes into being.

This year's drought will _____ the crop.

The lyrics had a big _____ on Sammie.

The _____ of the storm is felt throughout the entire city.

He did not want his test score to _____ his grade.

Her cold will _____ her breathing.

Silence was not the _____ the standup comedian wanted.

Ben's bright blue eyes has an _____ on everyone he meets.

Most of the time...

Affect is a **verb**. e.g. *'I can affect it by...'*

Effect is a **noun**. e.g. *'The effect is...'*



Affect



Effect

Brought/Bought

These words are very similar. Do you know the difference?

These are commonly misused words which we **should be able to get right!**

Firstly, what **kind** of words are they? Unlike 'affect'/'effect' from earlier, these are both the same.

They are both **verbs!**

What do you notice about their **tense?**

Bought/Brought...

What a difference an **r** can make! Both words are used when communicating in the past tense, but have entirely different meanings:

- **Bought**: past tense of "to buy".
"Jeremy bought a new computer for £500."
- **Brought**: past tense of "to bring".
"Katherine brought several snacks to the party."

This means that the following commonly-said sentences are wrong!

1. I brought it at the shop.
2. I bought it in from home.

Can you explain why these are wrong?

Task (two minutes):

1. With a partner, try and form three sentences for 'brought' and 'bought'.
2. Ensure you use them correctly...the partner should check this!



Key Words from Today's Session...

Homophone: Words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

Noun: A naming word.

Pronoun: A word which replaces a noun.

Verb: Doing word; an action.

Tense: the time in which something took place.