Affect/Effect KEY

Read the sample sentences below, noting how *affect* and *effect* are used. Remember, *affect* is a verb (**a**ction). *Effect* is a noun (**e**nd result).

The burning of fossil fuels affects (verb, action) the environment in various ways. Global warming is one effect (end result, noun) of burning fossil fuels.

Winter weather seems to affect (verb, action) me negatively. One effect (end result, noun) of the weather is that I always get a cold.

If I don’t proofread my essay, it will definitely affect (verb, action) the quality of my final paper. The effect (end result, noun) will probably be a poor grade on the assignment.

Work with a partner to correctly fill in each blank with either *affect* or *effect*. Consider whether the word should be a verb (affect) or a noun (effect) to help you decide.

1. Sleepiness can be a side \_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_ of some medicines.

2. Adding more sugar will \_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_ the taste of the cookies.

3. What was the main \_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_ of all that exercising you did?

4. We are going to write a cause and \_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_ essay.

5. The lack of rain will \_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_ this year’s mushroom crop.

6. Turning homework in late will negatively \_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_ your grade.

7. Turning homework in late has a negative \_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_ on your grade.

Make up two sentences of your own in the space below, using *affect* in one sentence and *effect* in the other sentence.

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