**Affect vs. Effect**

**Affect** is a verb

It means ‘to influence’.

One thing **a**ffects (‘does something to’) another.

E.g.: Birth rate and death rate **affect** the size of the population.

**Effect**

This is a noun. It is a synonym (another word for) **result**.

E.g. Unemployment was an **e**ffect (result) of the Great Depression.

Warning: *Sometimes* ‘effect’ is used as a verb – it means ‘to put into effect’. E.g. *we need to effect change*.

The easiest way to remember this is to ask yourself:

Can I replace it with the word ‘result’? If yes, use **effect**.

Complete the following sentences with ‘affect’ or ‘effect’.

Tip: Influence = **a**ffect / Result = **e**ffect.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of redrafting my work was that I earned an ‘A’ grade.
2. The noise in the room \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ed my ability to concentrate.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of daily exercise is increased energy.
4. We are concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ of too much sugar.
5. The floods will \_\_\_\_\_\_ many people.
6. It may also \_\_\_\_\_ food prices.
7. The new timetable had a positive \_\_\_\_ on learning.
8. The Doctor warned that the medicine had side \_\_\_\_\_s.
9. We analysed the \_\_\_\_\_\_s of global warming.
10. I didn’t think that book would \_\_\_\_ me the way it did.

Answers: 1. Effect 2. Affected 3. Effect 4. Effect 5 affect 6. Affect 7. Effect 8 effects 9. Effects 10. affect