



Intermediate English Worksheet: Affect vs. Effect

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This worksheet is designed to help intermediate English students understand and correctly use the frequently confused words **affect** and **effect**.

Understanding the Terms

Term	Part of Speech	Common Meaning	Hint
Affect	Verb (mostly)	To influence or have an impact on something.	A is for Action (verb).
Effect	Noun (mostly)	The result or consequence of an influence.	E is for End result (noun).
Effect	Verb (less common)	To bring about or cause something to happen. (e.g., <i>to effect change</i>)	Rarely used; usually, if you mean "to influence," use <i>affect</i> .

Part 1: Fill in the Blank (Affect or Effect)

Instructions: Choose the correct word (affect or effect) to complete each sentence. Be mindful of the part of speech required (verb or noun).

1. The new tax laws will primarily _____ small businesses.
2. The massive asteroid impact had a devastating _____ on the planet's climate.
3. How did the principal's speech _____ the students' morale?
4. The medication has a strong _____ on your blood pressure.
5. Lack of sleep can seriously _____ your concentration.
6. We must consider the long-term _____ of pollution on the ecosystem.
7. The poor lighting didn't _____ my ability to read the text.
8. The doctors were able to _____ a quick cure for the illness.
9. Noise pollution can negatively _____ wildlife.
10. Did his apology have any noticeable _____ on her mood?

Part 2: Choose the Correct Sentence

Instructions: Read the sentences and choose the one in each pair that uses affect or effect correctly.

11. A) The weather will affect our travel plans.

B) The weather will effect our travel plans.

12. A) What was the affect of the new policy?

B) What was the effect of the new policy?

13. A) His sadness was a temporary affect.

B) His sadness was a temporary effect.

14. A) Studying hard can positively affect your grades.

B) Studying hard can positively effect your grades.

15. A) The ripple affect spread quickly through the crowd.

B) The ripple effect spread quickly through the crowd.

Part 3: Short Paragraph Completion

Instructions: Read the short paragraph and choose the correct word (affect or effect) for each numbered blank.

The recent drought is beginning to (16) _____ the local economy. Farmers are worried about the (17) _____ it will have on their crop yields. The lack of rain will also (18) _____ water levels in the reservoirs. Scientists are trying to (19) _____ changes in policy to mitigate the (20) _____ of future dry spells.

Part 4: Error Correction

Instructions: Each sentence contains a mistake in the use of affect or effect. Rewrite the sentence with the correct word.

21. The new law will effect everyone equally.

22. His positive affect on the team was undeniable.

23. We studied the long-term affect of exercise on heart health.

24. The strong winds effected the roof of the house.

25. The surprising announcement did not affect his overall performance.

Answer Key

Part 1: Fill in the Blank (Affect or Effect)

1. affect (verb: to influence)
2. effect (noun: the result)
3. affect (verb: to influence)
4. effect (noun: the result)
5. affect (verb: to influence)
6. effects (noun: the consequences)
7. affect (verb: to influence)
8. effect (verb: to bring about)
9. affect (verb: to influence)
10. effect (noun: the result)

Part 2: Choose the Correct Sentence

11. A) The weather will affect our travel plans.
12. B) What was the effect of the new policy?
13. B) His sadness was a temporary effect. (*Note: 'affect' as a noun is a psychological term meaning 'outward expression of emotion' and is less common here.*)
14. A) Studying hard can positively affect your grades.
15. B) The ripple effect spread quickly through the crowd.

Part 3: Short Paragraph Completion

16. affect (verb)
17. effect (noun)
18. affect (verb)
19. effect (verb: to bring about)
20. effects (noun)

Part 4: Error Correction

21. The new law will affect everyone equally.
22. His positive effect on the team was undeniable. (*Unless you are referring to his emotional expression, which is 'affect,' the more general meaning of 'influence/result' requires 'effect.'*)
23. We studied the long-term effect of exercise on heart health.
24. The strong winds affected the roof of the house.
25. The surprising announcement did not affect his overall performance.