

Affect/Effect

Affect means “influence.” It is a verb.

High humidity affects my sinuses.

Effect means “result.” It is a noun.

The effect of the tax hike is not yet clear.

Effect can also be a verb meaning “bring about.”

Congress will try to effect a change in our trade agreement with Japan.

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with affect or effect. (You may need to add endings to the words.)

1. The most serious _____ of the hurricane is the loss of life.
2. A person's genetic makeup will _____ his or her life expectancy.
3. Nothing can _____ my mood as much as music.
4. The tuition increase will _____ enrollment.
5. The _____ of the tuition increase will be dramatic.
6. As student government president, Jan hopes to _____ a change in the school's honor code.
7. The medicine _____ Jim's grade on yesterday's test.
8. Did the medicine have an _____ on Jim's grade?
9. The weather does _____ my moods.
10. The weather had a definite _____ on the outcome of the game.
11. The letter had an _____ on her plans.
12. His warning had no _____ on the players.

13. Automobile emissions _____ the earth's atmosphere.
14. The _____ of global warming are difficult to measure.
15. Exercising definitely _____ me.
16. One welcome _____ is an increased energy level.
17. Getting a bad grade will _____ my chances for a scholarship.
18. Your kindness had a great _____ on me.
19. The _____ of the new light on the plant was amazing.
20. This program should have the desired _____ on your writing ability.

Answers

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| 1. effect | 11. effect |
| 2. affect | 12. effect |
| 3. affect | 13. affect |
| 4. affect | 14. effects |
| 5. effect | 15. affects |
| 6. effect | 16. effect |
| 7. affected | 17. affect |
| 8. effect | 18. effect |
| 9. affect | 19. effect |
| 10. effect | 20. effect |

