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Affect vs. Effect

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When you're writing, it's easy to confuse *affect* and *effect*. They might sound similar, but they're not the same word!

Affect is a verb.

Examples:

I hope my honesty doesn't *affect* how you feel about me.

My new espresso maker will drastically *affect* my daily coffee consumption.

Effect is often used as a noun.

Examples:

The new lotion had a great *effect* on my skin.

What will be the *effect* of the school's new dress code?

Directions: In the sentences below, decide whether to use *affect* or *effect*. Fill in the blanks with the correct word. Add a suffix if necessary (-ed or -s).

1. Poetry _____ different people in different ways.
2. It's impossible to measure the _____ on the human heart of a Shakespearean sonnet or a verse by Emily Dickinson.
3. One of poetry's _____ can be to make you see things in a new way.
4. Perhaps a metaphor comparing an eagle to a warplane can _____ how you think about birds.
5. Some people are _____ by humorous poetry.
6. Humor sometimes has the _____ of making difficult topics easier to understand.
7. *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* had a profound _____ on me.
8. How does poetry _____ you?

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