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Accept and Except

Word	accept	except
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to receive something offered • to believe something is correct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to exclude or leave out something • something that is other than

Accept is a verb.

- Example: Timothy **accepted** the scholarship to Austin Peay State University.
- Example: Jenkins is willing to **accept** his responsibility.
- Example: All those invited to next week's writing conference have **accepted**.

Except can be a conjunction, a preposition, or a verb.

- Example: Everyone in the class went to the game **except** Alyson.
- Example: The scholarship covered everything **except** a parking space.
- Example: I wouldn't have accepted anything **except** a job in Tennessee.

Affect and Effect

Word	affect	effect
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to make a difference, have an effect on, or to influence • a display of emotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to cause something to happen, to bring about • a change which is a result or consequence of an action or case

Affect is a verb that can have an effect on, make a difference to, or an influence on.

- Example: Rainfall **affects** plant growth.
- Example: An early frost in Florida can **affect** the orange crop negatively.

Affect can be used as a noun only when referring to a display of emotion.

- Example: Georgette took the news of her company moving to Chicago with little **affect**.

Effect can be a noun that means a result and a verb that causes something to happen.

- Effect can follow these words: *the, any, an, into, on, take, or*. (Affect cannot!)
 - Example: The new manager is bound to **effect** positive changes in the office.
 - Example: What **effect** did the schedule of games have on the team?
 - Example: The special **effects** in movies today are aided by computers.

- *How to remember:*

- **A** is for **action** and **E** is for **end result**.

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