Affect and Effect

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The number of hours you sleep every night will **affect** your health.

The word **effect** refers to the result or consequence of something that happens.

examples: An **effect** of eating too much sugar is tooth decay.
Becoming run down or sick is an **effect** of not getting enough sleep.

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4. What's the _____ of giving the plant more water?

5. Wearing glasses had a huge _____ on Monica's ability to see clearly.

6. Using flashcards to study might _____ my grades in a positive way.

7. The heavy rain might _____ our drive home.

8. A side _____ of the medicine is drowsiness.

9. Will the new law _____ small businesses?

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ANSWER KEY

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examples: One **effect** of eating too much sugar is weight gain.
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3. The result of band practice might **affect** Kayleigh's study time.

4. What's the best way of giving the plant more water?

5. Wearing glasses can affect Monica's vision.

6. Using flashcards to study is an effective way.

7. The heavy rain might **affect** our drive home.

8. A side **effect** of the medicine is drowsiness.

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