

<p>“Affect” or “effect”?</p>	<p>“Affect” is almost always a verb (a doing or action word).</p> <p><i>“The wind will affect our ferry journey.”</i> <i>“Jeremy’s performance was affected by his cold.”</i> <i>“Mary’s hair was affected by the rain.”</i></p> <p>“Effect” is most often used as a noun (a thing).</p> <p><i>“The effect of the wind was to ruin our ferry journey.”</i> <i>“Jeremy’s cold had a serious effect on his performance.”</i> <i>“The rain had a big effect on Mary’s hair.”</i></p>
<p>“Practice” or “Practise”? “Licence” or “License”?</p>	<p>“Practice” and “licence” are nouns.</p> <p><i>“With practice, Jeremy will improve his football.”</i> <i>“Susie filled in a form to get her driving licence.”</i></p> <p>“Practise” and “license” are verbs.</p> <p><i>“Jeremy practised his football skills last night.”</i> <i>“Susie is now licensed to drive a car.”</i></p>
<p>“Fewer” or “less”?</p>	<p>“Fewer” is used if you can count the things e.g. items bought in a supermarket.</p> <p><i>“If you have fewer than 10 items you can use this till.”</i> <i>“Jeremy had fewer ideas than Susie.”</i></p> <p>“Less” is used if you can’t count the things e.g. dust on a road.</p> <p><i>“There is less dust on North Road than on London Road.”</i> <i>“Jeremy’s dad has less hair than Susie’s dad.”</i></p>
<p>“Two”, “too” and “to”?</p>	<p>“Two” is the easiest, it’s the number.</p> <p><i>“Jeremy had two televisions in his house.”</i> <i>“Susie was two years old when she first rode her bike.”</i></p> <p>“Too” means an excess of something or as well as.</p> <p><i>“Jeremy had too many televisions in his house.”</i> <i>“Susie found riding her bike too difficult at first.”</i></p> <p>“To” is used at all other times, normally when a thing is involved.</p> <p><i>“Jeremy took one of his televisions to the recycling centre.”</i> <i>“Susie rode her bike to the shops.”</i></p>