

If you are talking about a result, then use the word "effect." Effect Means: Something brought about by a cause or agent; a result.

*The drug had an immediate **effect** on the pain.*

It is appropriate to use the word "effect" if one of these words is used immediately before the word: into, no, take, the, any, an, or and.

*The prescribed medication had no **effect** on the patient's symptoms.*

Affect can be used as a noun to describe facial expression.

*The woman took the news of her husband's sudden death with little **affect**.*

Affect can also be used as a verb. Use it when trying to describe influencing someone or something rather than causing it.

*How does the crime rate **affect** hiring levels by local police forces?*

Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The boat created waves that made a rippling (affect, effect) across the water.
2. How does air pressure (affect, effect) the flight of a plane?
3. Microbiology is studied to see how organisms (affect, effect) humans.
4. The agitation for the war was having a profound (affect, effect) on the soldiers.
5. Biomedicine investigates the (affect, effect) of extreme cold on people.
6. A part-time job may (affect, effect) your schoolwork unless you budget your time.
7. Littering can (affect, effect) the environment you live in.

Among implies more than two. Between implies only two.

- Wrong:** There is little difference **between** the members of the class
- Right :** There is little difference **among** the members of the class.
- Right :** There is little difference **between** the two nationalities.

Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The surplus food was divided (among, between) the poor.
2. I could not hear the dialogue (among, between) mom and dad.
3. You must analyze the differences (among, between) the two samples.
4. My little sister likes to sit (among, between) my mom and dad.
5. We walked past the store, (among, between) the houses, and toward our house.
6. "May the Force be with you," is a popular phrase (among, between) "Star Wars" fans.
7. There is a great disparity in height (among, between) Joe and Bob.
8. Our society is (among, between) the most sophisticated in the world.