

Then

- At that time.
 - I was at work **then**.
 - Come over this afternoon; I'll be ready **then**.
- Next in time, space, or order; immediately afterward.
 - We saw a movie and **then** went out for dinner.
 - We filled up the car and **then** began the trip.
- In addition; moreover; besides.
 - The glasses are \$100, and then there is sales tax.
 - First you need a license, and then you can drive.
- In that case, accordingly.
 - If the weather is bad, **then** my flight will get canceled.
 - If there is heavy traffic, then I might be late.

Than

- Than is a conjunction that is used for making **comparisons** between elements, objects, people, etc.
 - He is taller than I am.
 - She can run faster **than** I can.
 - Your meal looks better than mine does.
 - o Coca-Cola is better than Pepsi.
- In the following popular phrases, than should be used.
 - More than; less than.
 - He has less **than** I have.
 - She has more than I have.

A good trick to keep track of these words is that then is usually used to indicate time. Both then and time have a letter "E" in them.

Than is used to make comparisons. Both than and comparison have a letter "A" in them.

- 1. Cesar is better at playing basketball then/than Rafael.
- 2. Back then/than, we kept our doors unlocked.
- 3. First I'll take a short nap; then/than I'll be ready to do some more homework.
- 4. Did you get more presents then/than he did?
- 5. This lightbulb is more energy efficient then/than that one.



Good

- o Good modifies a **noun**; something can be or seem good.
 - This is **good** lasagna!
 - o Today, at last, life is **good**.

Well

- Well modifies a **verb**; an action can be done well.
 - Did you do well on your exams?
 - She jogged very **well** for her age.
- However, when you're talking about health, well can be used as an adjective.
 - She asked about David's illness, and I told her he is **well** now.

All you need to remember when you are pondering whether good or well is best for your sentence is that good describes a person, place, or thing, whereas well describes an action.

If you're having a **good** *day*, then your day is *going* well.

- 1. How good/well can the students at your school sing?
- 2. The director told them that the school concert was very **good/well**.
- 3. She had a **good/well** time yesterday.
- 4. Lindsay always has several **good/well** ideas for weekend plans.
- 5. Jacob did not feel **good/well**; his stomach hurt and he had a fever.



Affect

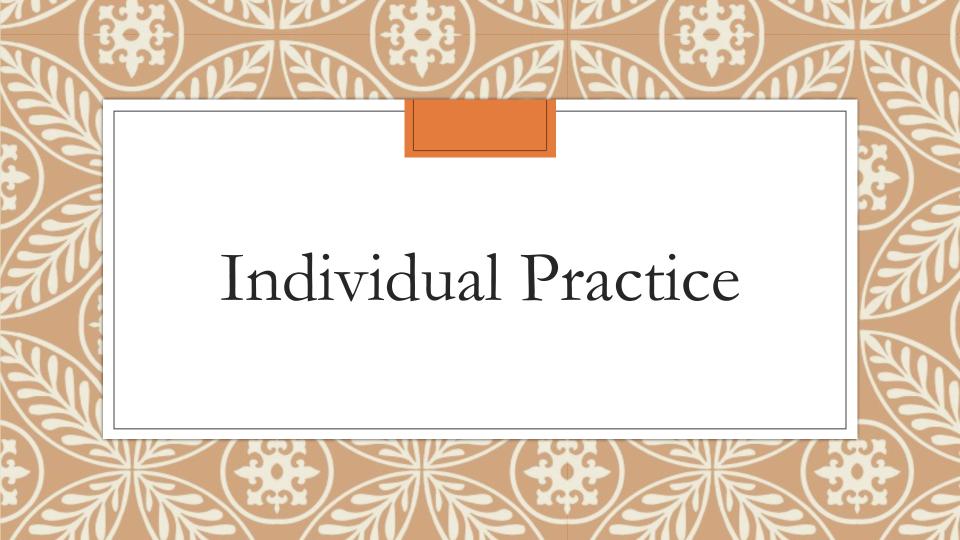
- Affect is usually a **verb**, and it means to impact or change.
 - The tornado **affected** citizens within forty miles of Topeka.
 - The medicine will **affect** your eyesight for at least an hour.
 - Winning the swimming medal **affected** Tina's performance in school, too.

Effect

- Effect is usually a **noun**, an effect is the result of a change.
 - The **effect** of the tornado was devastating.
 - You'll feel the **effect** of the medication in the next twenty minutes.
 - Tina's big win had an **effect** on her confidence level overall.

A is for action. Verbs are about action. Affect starts with an **A**, so it's a verb.

- 1. The **affect/effect** of the antibiotic on her infection was surprising.
- 2. I did not know that antibiotics could **affect/effect** people so quickly.
- 3. Plastic surgery had an **affect/effect**, not only on her appearance, but on her self-esteem.
- 4. There were few campaign issues that directly affected/effected Canadians.
- 5. The article is about how institutions have an **affect/effect** on individuals.



- 1. I do assure you that the news does not **affect/effect** me either with pleasure or pain.
- 2. Accidents affect/effect insurance premiums similarly.
- 3. That affect/effect is only amplified in a playoff atmosphere.
- 4. These superpowers are the only weapons that have any **affect/effect** on Invaders.
- 5. Mrs. Shorter needed one more **good/well** picture for the yearbook.
- 6. The ice-cream sandwiches looked **good/well** to us.
- 7. They danced **good/well** at the party.
- 8. "I hope everything goes **good/well** tomorrow," said Fran.
- 9. The company has received more **then/than** 500 complaints about its meat products.
- 10. If Nadia takes your advice, then/than she's sure to be a success.
- 11. I think a liter holds a little more then/than a quart does.
- 12. If their next song isn't better then/than let's leave.