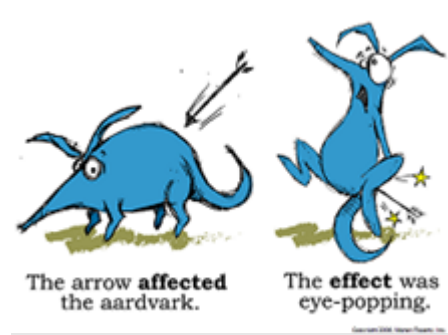# AFFECT vs. EFFECT and First, Second, and Third Person

AFFECT is a VERB and EFFECT is a NOUN!

When to use **AFFECT**:

Affect means "to influence," as in, "The arrows affected the aardvark," or "The rain affected Amy's hairdo." **Affect** can also mean, "to act in a way that you don't feel," as in, "She affected an air of superiority."

When to use **EFFECT**:

Effect has a lot of subtle meanings as a noun, but the meaning "a result" is the core of most of the definitions. For example, "The effect was eye-popping," or "The sound effects were amazing," or "The rain had no effect on Amy's hairdo."

Brief Review of **First, Second, and Third Person Points of View:**

First Person:	**Second Person**:	**Third Person**:
Singular= **I**	Singular: **You**	Singular: **he**, **she**, **it**
Plural= **We**	Plural: **You**	Plural: **they**

The **first-person** point of view, the use of "I" and "we," is used primarily for autobiographical writing, such as a personal essay or a memoir, **not for academic writing**.

The **second-person** uses the pronouns "you," "your," and "yours." These three pronouns are used when addressing one, or more than one, person, but it is **not used in academic writing**.

The **third-person** is the most common point of view and is the **traditional form for academic writing** and fiction writing. It includes the use of "he," "she," or "it" when referring to a person, place, thing, or idea. This is most commonly **used for academic writing**.