

Confusing words



Above or over?

When we use **above** to refer to things that are at an upper or higher level

- **Her name comes **above** mine on the list.**
- **He had a cut an inch long **above** his left eye.**
- **The moon rose slowly **above** the horizon.**

We usually use **above**, but not over, when there is no contact between the things referred to



Above or over?

Over or on top of have a more general meaning, and can be used when one thing touches or covers another

- **He made her comfortable and put a blanket **over** her.**
- **The road goes **over** the mountains, not through.**
- **I get **over** sixty emails a day.**

We normally use over not above with numbers



Affect or effect?

Affect is only a verb meaning 'influence or cause someone or something to change'

- **The cold weather has really **affected** her health.**
- **New technologies continue to **affect** how we live.**



Affect or **effect**?

Effect is commonly used in a noun form that means 'the result of an influence'

- **The pollution in the city had a bad **effect** on the water.**
- **I think I'm suffering from the **effects** of too little sleep.**



Apart from or except for?

Apart from can mean either 'including' or 'excluding'

- **Apart from Germany, they also visited Italy and Austria.**
(including Germany)
- **I like all vegetables apart from tomatoes.**
(excluding tomatoes)

Apart from or **except for**?

Except for mean 'not including' or 'excluding'

- **I like all vegetables **except for** tomatoes.** (excluding tomatoes)
- **She enjoys all sports **except** swimming.** (excluding swimming)

Beside or besides?

Beside is a preposition.

It means 'at the side of' or 'next to'.

- **Come and sit here **beside** me.**
- **Our school was built right **beside** a river.**

Beside or **besides**?

Besides means 'in addition to' or 'also'

- What other types of music do you like **besides** jazz?
- I can't go, and **besides**, I wouldn't go if I could.
- **Besides**, I promised her we would come.

Any questions?

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Thanks...



