

# Commonly Confused Words

There, Their, They're

# There

- There- an *adverb that means:*
  - 1** : in or at that place <stand over *there*> -- often used interjectionally
  - 2** : to or into that place <went *there* after church>
  - 3** : at that point or stage <stop right *there* before you say something you'll regret>

# Their

- Their- shows plural possession
- Examples
  - I went to *their* house.
  - She borrowed *their* car.

# They're

- They're- contraction of they are
- Examples:
  - They're going to the park.
  - I think they're tired.

**Affect, Effect**

# Affect

- Affect- a verb that means “to act upon” (as a person or a person's mind or feelings) so as to influence
- 1.to act on; produce an effect or change in
- 2.to impress the mind or move the feelings of
- Examples
  - Cold weather *affected* the crops.
  - The music *affected* him deeply.
  - Lucy was *affected* by what her friends thought.

# Effect

- Effect- a noun that goes beyond mere influence; it refers to actual achievement of a final result; something that is produced by a cause; consequence
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- Examples
  - Exposure to the sun had the effect of toughening his skin.
  - The *effects* of second hand smoke can be deadly.