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Hi, I'm Sian for BBC Learning English. And today, we're going to look at the difference between *raise* and *rise*.

So *raise* and *rise* both refer to something going up, but there's a difference in how we use them.

**Raise** always needs a direct object – so if you *raise* something, you move it up. For example: *I raise my eyebrows when I'm surprised!*

And it doesn't have to be literal – so: *The government plan to raise taxes.*

Don't forget this is a regular verb, so the past and past participle are both *raised*.

But with *rise*, there's no direct object. So if something *rises*, it goes up or increases by itself. *The sun rises at 6 a.m. at the moment.*

Careful, this is an irregular verb so the past is *rose* and the past participle is *risen.*