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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**.