

# Make or do?

Lesson code: KSP1-VKPB-DQI6-8

INTERMEDIATE

## 1 General differences

Study the general differences between 'make' and 'do' and then do the exercises on the next page.

Verb	Make
Make	<p>We use <b>make</b> when we talk about creating something.</p> <p>Julia <b>made</b> a delicious cake for her family.</p> <p>My friend is a fashion designer. She <b>makes</b> nice clothes.</p> <p>Can you <b>make</b> me a coffee?</p>
Do	<p>We use <b>do</b> when we talk about general activities, duties, jobs and leisure activities.</p> <p>John <b>did</b> his homework yesterday.</p> <p>My friend is very fit. He <b>does</b> a lot of exercise.</p> <p>We often use <b>do</b> with <b>something, anything, nothing</b> and <b>everything</b>:</p> <p>I <b>didn't do anything</b> yesterday.</p> <p>We are going to <b>do something</b> special for her birthday.</p>

### Dialogue

**A:** When are you going to **do** some shopping?

**B:** After I've finished **making** breakfast.

## 2 Practice 1

Complete the dialogue using 'make' or 'do' in the correct form.



**Tom:** So, what did you \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> on Saturday?

**Kate:** Well, in the morning I \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup> a big breakfast. Then I went to the gym to \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup> some exercise.

**Tom:** What did you \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>4</sup> after that?

**Kate:** Well, in the afternoon I \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>5</sup> some shopping.

**Tom:** What did you buy?

**Kate:** I bought some clothes and also a new smartphone. It took ages to choose the right one. When I got back home, I \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>6</sup> dinner. But I forgot to \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>7</sup> my French homework again. And how was your day?

**Tom:** Not too bad. During the day, I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>8</sup> anything special. I just stayed at home.

**Kate:** And in the evening?

**Tom:** In the evening, I invited some friends for dinner. We \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>9</sup> a big mess in the kitchen!

**Kate:** Did they help you to \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>10</sup> the dishes afterwards?

**Tom:** No, they didn't. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup> the washing up myself.

## 3 Practice 2

Complete the sentences below with 'make' or 'do' in the correct form.

1. I had a lot of work to \_\_\_\_\_ last night. I didn't get much sleep.
2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me a cup of tea?
3. The situation is out of control. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ something?
4. Do you know how to \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream?
5. I can't see her. What \_\_\_\_\_ ing?
6. His phone \_\_\_\_\_ a strange noise when it rings.
7. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ any sports in your spare time?
8. I have a lot of tasks to \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm at work.
9. You're going to need more chocolate if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ that cake properly.
10. How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ the gardening?
11. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of skiing while you were in the mountains?
12. The Beatles \_\_\_\_\_ very popular songs in the 1960s.



## 4 Special expressions with 'make' and 'do'

There are many special expressions with 'make' and 'do'. Study the table below.

Expressions with 'make'	Expressions with 'do'
<p><b>make an appointment/arrangement/plan</b> She <b>made an appointment</b> to see the doctor at 3pm.</p> <p><b>make the bed</b> Jack needs to hire a cleaner. He doesn't even have time to <b>make his bed</b>.</p> <p><b>make a change</b> I've <b>made</b> some <b>changes</b> to the document.</p> <p><b>make a choice/decision</b> Which phone are you going to buy? You need to <b>make a choice!</b></p> <p><b>make a difference</b> It <b>doesn't make</b> any <b>difference</b>.</p> <p><b>make friends</b> A party is a good opportunity to <b>make friends</b>.</p> <p><b>make a joke</b> He was very serious at first. But then he <b>made</b> a few <b>jokes</b>.</p> <p><b>make a mistake</b> She <b>made</b> a lot of <b>mistakes</b> in her homework.</p> <p><b>make money/a fortune</b> Joe is very rich. He <b>makes</b> a lot of <b>money</b>.</p> <p><b>make a phone call</b> Can I use your phone? I need to <b>make a phone call</b>.</p>	<p><b>do business</b> Jim <b>does business</b> with important companies.</p> <p><b>do a course</b> I want to <b>do a course</b> in computing.</p> <p><b>do an exam</b> I have four <b>exams</b> to <b>do</b> tomorrow!</p> <p><b>do your hair/nails/make-up</b> Kate is busy in the bathroom. She <b>is doing her hair</b>.</p> <p><b>do a job</b> What kind of <b>job</b> would you like to <b>do</b>?</p> <p><b>do the laundry/washing</b> I don't have any clean clothes. I need to <b>do the laundry</b>.</p> <p><b>do paperwork</b> Paul is an accountant. He <b>does</b> a lot of <b>paperwork</b> in his job.</p> <p><b>do research</b> I'm <b>doing</b> some <b>research</b> for my school project.</p> <p><b>do well/badly</b> He <b>did well</b> in all his exams.</p> <p><b>do work</b> I have a lot of <b>work to do</b> this week.</p>

What have you done this week/weekend? Make sentences using phrases from the table like the example below:

"I've made a lot of decisions this week."



**5 Practice 3**

Complete the sentences below with 'make' or 'do' in the correct form.

1. Last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ a course in Italian.
2. Don't disturb Jackie while she is \_\_\_\_\_ ing her make-up!
3. Leonardo \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune during the 1980s.
4. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of phone calls in your work?
5. I have an important exam to \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. I've already \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment to see the dentist.
7. If you like, we can meet tomorrow. I don't have any work to \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. In the end, he \_\_\_\_\_ the right decision. But it wasn't easy.
9. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ business with Mark. You can't trust him.
10. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ too badly in my job interview.
11. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ some arrangements before going on holiday.
12. It doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ any difference what you say to her. She'll always do what she wants to do.

**6 Practice 4**

Watch the video. Describe each clip like in the example.

To play the video, scan the code or go to: <http://linguahouse.com/r/2x>



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|-----------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| breakfast | a lot of noise | a phone call | a speech     | exercise    |
| her hair  | the bed        | the cleaning | the shopping | the washing |

1. Somebody is making Breakfast .
2. Somebody .....
3. Somebody .....
4. Somebody .....
5. Somebody .....
6. Somebody .....
7. Somebody .....
8. Somebody .....
9. Somebody .....
10. Some people .....



## 2 Practice 1

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|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| 1. do   | 2. made | 3. do  | 4. do |
| 5. did  | 6. made | 7. do  | 8. do |
| 9. made | 10. do  | 11. do |       |

## 3 Practice 2

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|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1. do             | 2. make  | 3. do  | 4. make  |
| 5. is she do(ing) | 6. makes | 7. do  | 8. do    |
| 9. make           | 10. do   | 11. do | 12. made |

## 4 Special expressions with 'make' and 'do'

*As a self-study or homework activity, this can be done as a written exercise. In the classroom, the activity could be done in pairs as a speaking exercise.*

## 5 Practice 3

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| 1. did | 2. do   | 3. made  | 4. make  |
| 5. do  | 6. made | 7. do    | 8. made  |
| 9. do  | 10. do  | 11. make | 12. make |

## 6 Practice 4

*Have the students complete sentences 1-10 for homework if you do not have the means to play the video in the lesson.*

2. is doing exercise.
3. is doing the cleaning.
4. is making a lot of noise.
5. is doing the shopping.
6. is making a speech.
7. is making the bed.
8. is doing her hair.
9. is making a phone call.
10. are doing the washing.

