

Do and Make

We use **DO** to talk about performing an action.

We use **MAKE** to talk about producing, creating something.
Ann *made a sandwich* and gave it to her younger brother.

We also use **MAKE** with certain nouns: make a progress, make a mistake...

Ex.1) Which words and expressions go with DO, and which go with MAKE?

DO		MAKE
	a choice	
	exercises	
	friends	
	harm	
	a mistake	→
	a contribution to	
←	your best	
	an excuse	
	someone a favour	
	shopping	
	your hair	
	damage	
	a decision	
	a change	
	a comment	
	your homework	

Ex.2) Match 1-8 and a-h to form expressions with DO and MAKE.

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|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1) do somebody | ↖ | a) business |
| 2) make | | b) damage |
| 3) do something for | ↘ | c) a favour |
| 4) make yourself | | d) understood |
| 5) do | | e) a living |
| 6) do | | f) an improvement |
| 7) make something | | g) a phone call |
| 8) make | | h) clear |

Ex. 3) Choose the correct collocations: Do or Make.

- Sally wanted to **do / make** a good impression on Jake.
- Do you find it easy to **do / make** friends?
- Sam will **do / make** some work on his project and then he'll go to the leisure centre.
- The storm **did/ made** some damage to our roof.
- Mark must **do / make** an effort to work harder.
- It really **did / made** my day when he gave me flowers.
- Mary is really **doing / making** an effort with her maths this term.

Ex. 4) Choose a form of Do or Make and one of the nouns given below to complete the sentences.

ironing / research / washing / harm / arrangements / contribution / discovery /

- When Jeremy studied the figures closely, he _____ a startling _____.
- I'll _____ the _____ if you _____ the _____.
- She always _____ a useful _____ to the discussion.
- Changing the rules may _____ more _____ than good.
- They are _____ some _____ to try to find the origin of the name of our street.
- The school can _____ for students with special needs.

Ex. 5) Complete the sentences with the correct form of Do or Make.

- Sam's always _____ up excuses for being late to class!
- After graduating from university Mary's going to _____ a skilled scientist.
- My son has to _____ his homework straight after school.
- Sally isn't ready. She hasn't _____ her hair yet.
- My sister is fond of children She will _____ a perfect mother one day!
- It _____ a big difference to the cost if you pay in advance.
- Eating sweets occasionally _____ children some harm.

KEY

Ex. 1)

**Make: a choice / friends / a mistake / a contribution to / an excuse / a decision /
a change / a comment**

Do: exercises / harm / your best / someone a favour / shopping / hair / damage / homework

Ex. 2)

2 g 3 e 4 d 5 a 6 b 7 h 8 f

Ex. 3)

1 make 2 make 3 do 4 did 5 make 6 made 7 making

Ex. 4)

1 made a startling discovery

2 do the washing/ironing or do the ironing / washing

3 makes/ made a useful contribution

4 do more harm

5 doing some research

6 make arrangements

Ex. 5)

1 making up 2 make 3 do 4 done 5 make 6 makes 7 does