

Expressions with DO & MAKE

The English verbs **do** and **make** are frequently confused, so pay particular attention to the expressions below. It is best to learn the expressions by heart. Some guidelines do exist to help you determine which word to use when, but in general you will not have time to think through the rules before choosing a word. The best approach is to practise, and then practise some more!

To Do
to do a favour
to do a project
to do a test
to do an assignment
to do an exam
to do badly
to do business
to do damage
to do exercise
to do good
to do harm
to do homework
to do housework
to do nothing
to do research
to do something
to do some letter-writing
to do some reading
to do some studying
to do some writing
to do the accounts
to do the cleaning
to do the dishes
to do the ironing
to do the laundry
to do the math
to do the maximum
to do the minimum
to do the paperwork
to do the shopping
to do the vacuuming
to do time
to do work
to do your best
to do your duty

To Do
to do your hair
to do your nails
to do your job
to do your makeup
to do 50 miles per hour

To Make
to make a booking
to make a bundle
to make a call
to make a cake
to make a choice
to make a comment
to make a complaint
to make a compromise
to make a deal
to make a decision
to make a difference
to make a fire
to make a fool of yourself
to make a fortune
to make a fuss
to make a habit
to make a move
to make a phone call
to make a point
to make a presentation
to make a profit
to make a promise
to make a remark
to make a reservation
to make a sales call
to make a sound
to make a speech
to make a suggestion
to make a threat
to make a visit
to make amends
to make an appearance
to make an appointment
to make an attempt
to make an enquiry

To Make
to make an exception
to make an excuse
to make an offer
to make arrangements
to make believe
to make friends
to make fun
to make changes
to make corrections
to make do
to make love
to make money
to make noise
to make peace
to make plans
to make a profit
to make progress
to make sense
to make someone angry
to make someone happy
To make someone sad
to make someone's day
to make sure
to make time
to make trouble
to make dinner
to make lunch
to make breakfast
to make a snack
to make tea / coffee
to make a mess
to make a mistake
to make the bed
to make time
to make war