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	GRAMMAR AND EXERCISES

## MAKE AND DO

If you put this query to a teacher, the chances are that s/he will reply something like "It's a question of collocation". While this may not seem very helpful, it is nevertheless true.

Collocation (in linguistics) refers to expressions in which individual words habitually go together. In other words, the verb make goes with some words and the verb do with other words.

We **made an agreement** (NOT did an agreement)

I **did my homework** (NOT made my homework)

So what can you do to help you learn which of the two verbs is used with which other words?

The best solution is to try to memorize the common fixed expressions that use the words. You could make two lists in your vocabulary book and then refer to them when you are not sure.

Basically, the more you read and listen, and indeed, the more contact you have with English, the more you should remember.

Apart from this, there are some rules of usage for **make** and **do** that can help you:

### DO IS USED

1. To describe an action without saying exactly what the action is:

*I'm going to **do** something that you won't believe!*

*We **did** some things around the house at the weekend.*

2. '**Do**' is often used when referring to work of any kind. We use the verb '**do**' when someone performs an action, activity or task.

*do your **work**      I didn't **do** any work today.*

*do **homework**      Have you **done** your homework?*

*do **housework**      My mother usually **does** the housework during the week,*

*but my father **does** most of the chores at the weekend.*

*do your **job***

**Note** - these activities do not usually produce a physical object.

Some words that go with **do**:

Do your homework      Do the washing, ironing, cooking, the laundry, etc...

Do the housework      Do the shopping      Do your nails and hair

Do business	Do (household) chores	Do someone harm
Do sports	Do someone a favour	
Do your best	Do your duty	
Do a crossword		

### **Important Expressions with 'Do'**

There are a number of standard expressions that take the verb 'do'. The best solution is to try to learn them.

<i>do badly</i>	<i>do time - (to go to prison)</i>
<i>do business</i>	<i>do well</i>
<i>do the dishes</i>	<i>do your best</i>
<i>do a favour</i>	<i>do your hair</i>
<i>do good</i>	<i>do your nails</i>
<i>do harm</i>	<i>do your worst</i>

### **MAKE IS USED**

1. To speak about building, constructing, producing, creating etc.

- *Khaled **made** a tree house for his children.*
- *Who **made** this lovely birthday cake?*
- *We **make** our own yoghurt.*

2. 'Make' is often used when referring to preparing food of any kind.

- *make a meal - breakfast / lunch / dinner*

Note - these activities usually create something that you can touch.

### **Important Expressions with 'Make'**

There are a number of standard expressions that take the verb '**make**'. The best solution is to try to learn them.

<i>make arrangements</i>	<i>make a fortune</i>	<i>make a phone call</i>
<i>make believe - (to pretend)</i>	<i>make friends</i>	<i>make a plan</i>
<i>make a choice</i>	<i>make a fuss</i>	<i>make a profit</i>
<i>make a comment</i>	<i>make a journey</i>	<i>make a sound</i>
<i>make a decision</i>	<i>make a mess</i>	<i>make a speech</i>
<i>make a difference</i>	<i>make a mistake</i>	<i>make a suggestion</i>
<i>make an effort</i>	<i>make money</i>	<i>make time</i>
<i>make an excuse</i>	<i>make love</i>	<i>make your bed - (to prepare the bed for sleeping in</i>
<i>make a fool of yourself</i>	<i>make a noise</i>	

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING MAKE OR DO IN THEIR RIGHT TENSE.

1. When I grow up, I want to have a job that allows me to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money.
2. We would be very happy if the countries in the Middle East \_\_\_\_\_ peace.
3. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my best.
4. I shall \_\_\_\_\_ all the arrangements for you.
5. This has nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ with you.
6. The British like to \_\_\_\_\_ business with the Americans.
7. When there is no food to eat, everyone has to \_\_\_\_\_ without.
8. The President \_\_\_\_\_ an excellent speech yesterday.
9. I hate it when my little brother \_\_\_\_\_ fun of me.
10. All soldiers must \_\_\_\_\_ their duty.
11. I think the airplane leaves at 8 a.m., but you had better \_\_\_\_\_ sure.
12. I have nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow afternoon. Let's go to the cinema!
13. At the end of each holiday, I always think it wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ me any harm to have one more week off.
14. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ your homework?
15. How do you \_\_\_\_\_ ?
16. If you set up a business, it's generally to \_\_\_\_\_ money.
17. I can't give the answer right away. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ some research.
18. I'm very pleased with the result. You \_\_\_\_\_ a great job!
19. When I \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake, my teacher corrects me and explains why.
20. What are you studying? I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a degree in history.
21. You'll have to work hard if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ progress.
22. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ fun of my accent - it's not my fault!
23. It doesn't have to be perfect - just \_\_\_\_\_ your best.
24. I've got a toothache. I'm going to ring the dentist to \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment.
25. It's not easy to \_\_\_\_\_ business with people of different nationalities.
26. Drink that glass of milk - it will \_\_\_\_\_ you good.
27. Could you please \_\_\_\_\_ me a favour?
28. We have to make up our minds to \_\_\_\_\_ what is right.
29. They \_\_\_\_\_ a big mistake in \_\_\_\_\_ business with the company that went bankrupt.
30. It's very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ students \_\_\_\_\_ their work properly.
31. I'm afraid this is the best I can \_\_\_\_\_ for you.