

A2

IDIOMS & COLLOCATIONS

≈ 27 MIN

Make vs Do — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the tendency in, brick by brick. New examples, same rule: result or activity.

make

creates a result (a decision, an offer, progress) ·

do

describes the activity (business, research, the paperwork)

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YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

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BRICK 1 · SORT: RESULT OR ACTIVITY? · APPROX. 4 MIN

Read each phrase quietly. Does a result exist afterwards → write it with **make** in the left column. Is it work or an activity → with **do** in the right column. Careful: some phrases follow habit, not logic!

a decision

business

progress

the paperwork

an offer

your homework

a mistake

research

money

your best

a phone call

a favour

MAKE + RESULT

DO + ACTIVITY

BRICK 2 · FILL IN MAKE OR DO · APPROX. 6 MIN

Fill in **make** or **do** in the right form. The noun after the gap decides — ask yourself: result or activity?

- 01 The board will _____ its decision next week.
- 02 Tomas is _____ research into new markets this quarter.
- 03 I've _____ an appointment with the dentist for Thursday.
- 04 Do you really want to _____ business with a company like that?
- 05 The accounting team _____ the paperwork for every new client.
- 06 She _____ a lot of money in her last job.
- 07 I always _____ my best, even when the deadline is tight.
- 08 He _____ the bed every morning before breakfast.

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence hides exactly one mistake with **make/do**. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 The committee will do a decision on Friday.

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02 She's making research for her thesis this term.

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03 Our boss did a useful suggestion in the meeting.

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04 I always make the dishes after lunch.

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05 Try not to do any mistakes in the final report.

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06 He did a quick phone call during lunch.

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BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one sentence for each prompt. For every **make/do**, check whether a result comes into existence or an activity is being described.

01 Your work: "At work I often have to do ..." — a typical task from your day.

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02 A result: "Yesterday I made ..." — something that existed afterwards.

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03 A request: "Could you do me a favour and ...?" — to a colleague.

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04 Your goal: "Next month I want to make progress with ..."

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MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I ask for every collocation: does a result come into existence (make) or am I describing an activity (do)?
- ☐ I can name the key make results: a decision, an offer, progress, money, a mistake.
- ☐ I can name the key do activities: business, research, the paperwork, my best, my homework.
- ☐ I learn exceptions like "make the bed" and "do the dishes" as fixed phrases — without hunting for logic.

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| 01 make a decision
<i>A decision is a result — it exists after the action.</i> | 07 make a mistake
<i>The mistake exists afterwards — a result.</i> |
| 02 do business
<i>Doing business is an ongoing activity — do business.</i> | 08 do research
<i>Research is the work of researching.</i> |
| 03 make progress
<i>Progress is a result you can point to.</i> | 09 make money
<i>Money is the result of your work.</i> |
| 04 do the paperwork
<i>Paperwork is work, not a result.</i> | 10 do your best
<i>Fixed phrase for the effort — do your best.</i> |
| 05 make an offer
<i>The offer is on the table afterwards — a result.</i> | 11 make a phone call
<i>The call is an event you bring into being.</i> |
| 06 do your homework
<i>Homework is a task — do your homework.</i> | 12 do a favour
<i>Fixed phrase — do someone a favour.</i> |

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| 01 The board will make its decision next week.
<i>A decision is a result; after "will" use the base form make.</i> | 05 The accounting team does the paperwork for every new client.
<i>Paperwork is an activity; third person singular: does.</i> |
| 02 Tomas is doing research into new markets this quarter.
<i>Research is work; after "is" use the -ing form doing.</i> | 06 She made a lot of money in her last job.
<i>Money is a result; past tense: made.</i> |
| 03 I've made an appointment with the dentist for Thursday.
<i>An appointment comes into existence — a result; present perfect: made.</i> | 07 I always do my best, even when the deadline is tight.
<i>Fixed phrase: do your best.</i> |
| 04 Do you really want to do business with a company like that?
<i>The collocation is do business — an activity.</i> | 08 He makes the bed every morning before breakfast.
<i>An exception by habit: make the bed.</i> |

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| 01 The committee will make a decision on Friday.
<i>A decision is a result — make a decision.</i> | 04 I always do the dishes after lunch.
<i>Fixed phrase: do the dishes — habit beats logic.</i> |
| 02 She's doing research for her thesis this term.
<i>Research is work — do research.</i> | 05 Try not to make any mistakes in the final report.
<i>Mistakes are results — make a mistake.</i> |
| 03 Our boss made a useful suggestion in the meeting.
<i>A suggestion comes into existence — make a suggestion.</i> | 06 He made a quick phone call during lunch.
<i>The call is an event you create — make a phone call.</i> |

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that your make/do matches the logic: result → make, activity → do.

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| 01 "At work I often have to do the paperwork."
<i>Paperwork is an activity — do the paperwork.</i> | 03 "Could you do me a favour and book the meeting room?"
<i>Fixed phrase: do someone a favour.</i> |
| 02 "Yesterday I made a phone call to our Berlin office."
<i>The call is a result — make a phone call.</i> | 04 "Next month I want to make progress with my English."
<i>Progress is a result — make progress.</i> |

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