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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)

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

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.

YOUR BUILD · 1 · SORTING · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

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.

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

03 Our boss did a useful suggestion in the meeting.

04 I always make the dishes after lunch.

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

06 He did a quick phone call during lunch.

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.

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

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

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

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

01 **make** a decision
A decision is a result — it exists after the action.

02 **do** business
Doing business is an ongoing activity — do business.

03 **make** progress
Progress is a result you can point to.

04 **do** the paperwork
Paperwork is work, not a result.

05 **make** an offer
The offer is on the table afterwards — a result.

06 **do** your homework
Homework is a task — do your homework.

07 **make** a mistake
The mistake exists afterwards — a result.

08 **do** research
Research is the work of researching.

09 **make** money
Money is the result of your work.

10 **do** your best
Fixed phrase for the effort — do your best.

11 **make** a phone call
The call is an event you bring into being.

12 **do** a favour
Fixed phrase — do someone a favour.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 The board will **make** its decision next week.
A decision is a result; after "will" use the base form make.

02 Tomas is **doing** research into new markets this quarter.
Research is work; after "is" use the -ing form doing.

03 I've **made** an appointment with the dentist for Thursday.
An appointment comes into existence — a result; present perfect: made.

04 Do you really want to **do** business with a company like that?
The collocation is do business — an activity.

05 The accounting team **does** the paperwork for every new client.
Paperwork is an activity; third person singular: does.

06 She **made** a lot of money in her last job.
Money is a result; past tense: made.

07 I always **do** my best, even when the deadline is tight.
Fixed phrase: do your best.

08 He **makes** the bed every morning before breakfast.
An exception by habit: make the bed.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 The committee will **make** a decision on Friday.
A decision is a result — make a decision.

02 She's **doing** research for her thesis this term.
Research is work — do research.

03 Our boss **made** a useful suggestion in the meeting.
A suggestion comes into existence — make a suggestion.

04 I always **do** the dishes after lunch.
Fixed phrase: do the dishes — habit beats logic.

05 Try not to **make** any mistakes in the final report.
Mistakes are results — make a mistake.

06 He **made** a quick phone call during lunch.
The call is an event you create — make a phone call.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

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

01 "At work I often have to **do** the paperwork."
Paperwork is an activity — do the paperwork.

02 "Yesterday I **made** a phone call to our Berlin office."
The call is a result — make a phone call.

03 "Could you **do** me a favour and book the meeting room?"
Fixed phrase: do someone a favour.

04 "Next month I want to **make** progress with my English."
Progress is a result — make progress.

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