

MAKE vs DO? That's one confusing pair of verbs, or is it? Let's see!

1. Drag & drop* these words under the correct verb. *Do this before going ahead!*



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MAKE

DO

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

NEITHER: _____ (*Drop spots are sensitive in their upper left hand corners.)

So, how CAN we tell which of them to use? Here are some basic hints for **MAKE**, first:



You probably already know this one: **CREATE** something.

When you physically create something, like a cake, or cookies, or a dress on a sewing machine, etc., you **MAKE** it.

So, when you create something material, can you always use “make”?

No. ... Sometimes we prefer completely different verbs, for example:



They ***built*** their new house
on an acre of land.

The report they ***wrote***
has been censured.



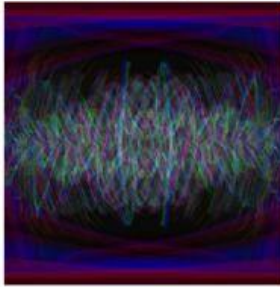
(Learn them one by one as you need them.)

WAIT! There's MORE! ... We ALSO use **MAKE** for creating IMMATERIAL things! ... Huh?! What do I mean by "immaterial" things?! Choose the right word from the pull-down menus (*examples*):



2. Who **made** such a _____ in the office?!

3. She's **making** an _____ while she's **making** a _____



4. If a tree falls in a deserted forest, does it **make** a _____?

*If it didn't exist before, and then it does...
you probably can use **make**.*

5. WRITE YOUR OWN with **MAKE** (ungraded): _____

Is that all for **MAKE**? Ahh, no, there are various idiomatic uses for it (make someone do something, make in the sense of arrive, ...), but we're doing the "creation" uses of MAKE, here!

6. Alright then, so what about **DO**? Draw a line between the image and the explanatory words:



(connect
here)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)

Fixed phrases
(ex., do your
best; *learn
one by one*)

Minimize
importance
(*even if other
verbs are typical!*)

generic,
especially
if it takes
some time

repetitive

executing
instructions

work-
related

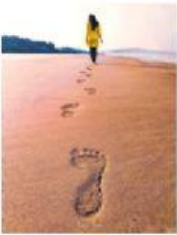
7. Your turn! Write your own sentences with **DO** following these hints (*ungraded*):













8. You try! Help edit these pieces of a story. Choose the right answer from the pull-down menus.



- a. Well, at least she's _____ an effort!
- b. You are _____ progress in your English.
- c. When he has holidays, he enjoys _____ nothing.
- d. When was the last time you _____ someone a favor?
- e. Have you ever _____ a complaint in a restaurant, or shop?
- f. Little Johnnie _____ his bed and _____ the dishes this morning.
- g. Did he _____ the appointment for the meeting for today or tomorrow?
- h. The student _____ the homework that the teacher _____.
- i. They _____ business even after hours and on weekends!
- j. Star likes to _____ research for her projects.
- k. He has _____ this mistake many times before.
- l. I like to _____ a little reading in the evenings.
- m. The maid _____ the beds early this morning.



9. Try, again! You can do it! Drag & drop* these words under the correct verb.



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