

28 *Make, do or have*

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A Place the following words under the correct headings. There is an example at the beginning (0).

a bank account	a barbecue	a bath/shower	the bed
business	a celebration	a complaint	a confession
damage	a driving lesson	fun of someone	a fuss
the garden	harm	an impression	a journey
a noise	one's best	a phone call	a profit/loss
research	the shopping	someone a favour	a speech

Make	Do	Have
0 <i>the bed</i>	1 _____	1 _____
1 _____	2 _____	2 _____
2 _____	3 _____	3 _____
3 _____	4 _____	4 _____
4 _____	5 _____	5 _____
5 _____	6 _____	
6 _____	7 _____	
7 _____	8 _____	
8 _____		
9 _____		
10 _____		
11 _____		

B Now fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the correct form of *make*, *do* or *have*. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Why do politicians always take so long to make decisions?

It's time you _____ a holiday, Margaret. It will _____ you the world of good.

Everyone over the age of thirty should _____ a will.

Your daughter is _____ excellent progress, Mrs Grove. She ought to _____ well in next year's exams.

It _____ no difference to me when you finish it, as long as you _____ a good job.

5 I've decided to _____ a big party on my birthday. Could I leave you to _____ the arrangements, darling?

6 You must _____ the exam, I'm afraid. You _____ no alternative.

The two countries _____ talks last week and are optimistic about _____ peace soon.

8 Take this medicine. It will _____ you good.

9 This photograph doesn't _____ Sally justice. She's much better-looking really.

10 If we are going to _____ this company profitable again we are going to have to _____ changes.

- 11 I must _____ an appointment to get my eyes tested.
- 12 Do you mind if I _____ a suggestion?
- 13 I _____ a really good time on holiday and
_____ lots of friends.
- 14 I hope you don't think I'm _____ excuses, but I
really must stay in tonight and _____ my hair.
- 15 'How's Sylvia getting on in America?'
'Oh, she's _____ the time of her life. In fact, she's
_____ plans to settle there.'
- 16 'You see your parents quite often. You must _____ a
good relationship with them.'
'No, not really. It's more a question of _____ one's
duty.'
- 17 We moved closer together to _____ room for Annie
to sit down.
- 18 Swedish cars _____ a very good reputation for
quality and safety.
- 19 They _____ us a very good offer for our flat.



Make/do + noun expressions

Why do we say **make** a mistake but **do** your homework? **Make** has the idea of creating (producing) something which didn't exist before; **do** has the idea of performing an action on something which already exists. But does this help you to understand why we say **make** the bed and **do** business? In the end, it is easier just to memorise the whole expression! And if you are not sure, use **make**.