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## 'Make', 'do' and 'take'

Complete these sentences using the verbs *make*, *do* or *take*. In many cases, you will need to change the form of the verb. In one case, more than one answer is possible. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 They're making a lot of noise, but so far they haven't made any progress.
- 1 The company is \_\_\_\_\_ a large profit, but in the meantime they're \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of damage to the environment.
- 2 She was asked to \_\_\_\_\_ a quick speech, but she \_\_\_\_\_ her time.
- 3 After we've \_\_\_\_\_ our homework, we should \_\_\_\_\_ the washing up.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a look at all these mistakes you've \_\_\_\_\_ !
- 5 Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi or go by train?
- 6 At first, he \_\_\_\_\_ a great effort to \_\_\_\_\_ an interest in his lessons.
- 7 This is a photograph I \_\_\_\_\_ of some friends we \_\_\_\_\_ when we were on holiday.
- 8 She told me to \_\_\_\_\_ a seat, and then went to \_\_\_\_\_ some phone calls.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ a test is a bit like \_\_\_\_\_ a crossword: you finish it eventually!

- 10 The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ my name and address, and \_\_\_\_\_ a few notes.
- 11 We had to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of work before we began to \_\_\_\_\_ any money.
- 12 The conference \_\_\_\_\_ place in January, and since then we've \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of business with the other companies there.
- 13 You should really \_\_\_\_\_ my advice and hire somebody to \_\_\_\_\_ your ironing, washing and other housework.
- After I had \_\_\_\_\_ the bed, he lay down and \_\_\_\_\_ his medicine.
- It won't \_\_\_\_\_ any harm to \_\_\_\_\_ some enquiries.
- 16 Our company \_\_\_\_\_ a loss in its first year, but now we're \_\_\_\_\_ well.



#### In the exam ...

Students often misuse words like *make*, *do* and *take*. It is often *small* mistakes like these that stop them from getting a good grade in the FCE. A lot of students concentrate on learning *individual* words and ignore the other words that work *with* them. Another good example of this is the use of prepositions.

See also: Test 16 Prepositions