

# 104 *make or do, have or take?*



Miranda is making pots and dishes.

David is doing the dishes.

## 1 *make or do?*

We often use the verb *make* to talk about creating or producing something:

*Mercedes cars **are made** in Germany.*

*Who's **making** lunch today?*

We often use *do* to talk about any activity:

*What **do** you usually **do** at the weekends?*

*I'm afraid I **haven't done** the report yet.*

Here are some common words we use with *make* and *do*:

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| <b>make</b> | a meal breakfast lunch dinner a phone call a noise a mistake<br>an appointment an arrangement a suggestion a plan the bed a copy     |
| <b>do</b>   | the shopping the gardening your homework an exercise a test an exam<br>the housework the cleaning the washing the cooking the dishes |

***Don't make** any noise – I'm **doing** my homework.*

*On Saturday mornings I **do the cleaning** and my wife **makes** lunch.*

## 2 *have or take?*

We can describe some actions with either *have* or *take*:

**have or take** a bath a shower a break a holiday a rest a seat (= sit down)

*Have you **taken** your **break** yet?*

*Yes, I **had a break** at eleven o'clock.*

But for some actions we only use *take*:

**take** an exam a test care (of) medicine drugs a message part in a photo

*Mrs Carshaw isn't here. Can I **take a message**?*

*You aren't allowed to **take photos** in the museum.*

We usually use *take*, not *have*, to talk about time (days, hours, etc.):

*That letter **took three days** to get here.*

*How long does it **take** to boil an egg?*

## Practice

- 1 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose the correct words in *italics* in the advertisement.



**HouseMate X2**  
The robot that (0) *makes / does* all your housework!

The HouseMate X2 is a new kind of robot. It (1) *makes / does* all the jobs that you hate! It can (2) *make / do* the beds every morning and then (3) *make / do* the washing. Then it will (4) *make / do* your lunch for you. And afterwards it will (5) *make / do* the dishes! It can even (6) *make / do* phone calls, (7) *make / take* messages and (8) *make / take* appointments. And, believe it or not, it can (9) *make / take* care of children!

The HouseMate X2 is (10) *made / done* in Japan. **Only \$495**

- 2 Answer the questions. Use *make, do or take* in each answer.

- 0 What do carpenters do? *They make things from wood.*
- 1 What do photocopiers do? .....
- 2 What do gardeners do? .....
- 3 What do telephone answering machines do? .....
- 4 What do cooks do? .....
- 5 What do photographers do? .....
- 6 What do washing machines do? .....

- 3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the article with forms of *make, do, have or take*.

### Local Hero Alison Doughty

ALISON DOUGHTY RETIRED last year. She didn't want to stay at home and (0) *do* nothing, so she decided to become a home help. Each day she visits old people in their homes and helps them.

Some of the old people can't (1) ..... housework so Alison has to (2) ..... their beds and (3) ..... the cleaning. If they have problems with walking, she will go out and

(4) ..... their shopping. Sometimes she even (5) ..... lunch for the old people – Alison says that is her favourite part of the job. A lot of the old people have health problems so Alison checks that they (6) ..... the correct medicines at the right time of the day. If they need to see a doctor or dentist, she can phone and (7) ..... an appointment for them.

Alison tells us she really enjoys (8) ..... care of old people.

- 4 Find four more mistakes in the sentences and correct them. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

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| 0 How long does it <sup>take</sup> have to get to the station? | 5 Sue did a good suggestion tonight.                     |
| 1 Did you have a shower this morning?                          | 6 We're very tired. Shall we take a break?               |
| 2 It had three hours to get here today!                        | 7 I'm going to make the shopping – do you need anything? |
| 3 Kyle has just taken his driving test.                        |                                                          |
| 4 I'm sorry. I've done a silly mistake.                        |                                                          |