28 *Make, do* or *have*

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 mistake
a noise | one's best | a phone call | a profit/loss
research | the shopping | someone a favour | a speech

Make	Do	Have
0 *the bed*	1 _____	1 _____
1 _____	2 _____	2 _____
2 _____	3 _____	3 _____
3 _____	4 _____	4 _____
4 _____	5 _____	5 _____
5 _____	6 _____	
6 _____	7 _____	
7 _____	8 _____	
8 _____		
9 _____		
10 _____		
11 _____		

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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).

0 Why do politicians always take so long to ___make___ decisions?

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

2 Everyone over the age of thirty should _____ a will.

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

4 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.

7 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 _____ a lot of changes.

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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*.

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