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SECTION

'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.
- 14 After I had _____ the bed, he lay down and
_____ his medicine.
- 15 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.

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