At Home with Do, Make, and Take

- **Do**, **make**, and **take** are used in combination with hundreds of words such as **experiment** (**do an experiment**), **test** (**take a test**), and **noise** (**make a noise**).
- Remember, it's easy to find your way round long entries such as **do**, **make**, and **take** if you check the "signposts" at the start of each numbered sense which summarizes the meaning.

A. Which verb completes the phrase? Fill in the table below by ticking the correct column. You can use the dictionary to help you but, before you start, think which word in the phrase is the best one to look up.

do	make	take	
	✓		**1.** a lot of noise
			2. your homework
			3. always _____ excuses
			4. breakfast
			5. lots of family photos
			6. friends easily
			7. nothing all the time
			8. sugar in your coffee
			9. supper
			10. the bed
			11. the cooking
			12. the dishes
			13. the ironing
			14. the laundry
			15. a lot of mistakes
			16. the housework

B. Complete the following sentences with one of the phrases in the table. You won't need to use all the phrases in exercise A.

a) After my brother lost his job he just sat around *doing nothing all the time*.

b) Even though I speak English quite well, I still _____, and that irritates me.

c) He never _____. His room always looks a mess.

d) I don't mind _____ if there's something good on the radio. Even if there are lots of shirts I just get on with it while I'm listening.

e) I used to _____, but now I don't because it's not very good for you – well, it makes you fat.

f) My dad used to get up first every morning, _____ for everybody, have his own, and then go to work just as we were all getting up.

g) Our neighbours _____. They have three young children, they all play musical instruments, and the walls are rather thin.

h) Some people seem to have millions of friends without even trying, but I've never been able to