4E Word Skills

do, *make* and *take*

I can use 'do', 'make' and 'take' correctly.

1 Complete the phrases with *do*, *make* and *take*.

1 [ ] a look at something / a picture / a photo
2 [ ] an appointment / up your mind
3 [ ] yoga / karate / gymnastics / your best

2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *do*, *make*, or *take*.



Man I love your house. It's really unusual.
Woman Yes, I designed it myself. You must [1] [ ] a look at the basement. I'm really proud of it.
Man Thanks. Wow! This is amazing. It's huge! Can I [2] [ ] a photo?
Woman Yes, of course.
Man What are you going to use the basement for?
Woman It might be a guest room – or maybe a fitness room. I can't [3] [ ] up my mind. At the moment, my daughters [4] [ ] gymnastics down here. They love it!
Man So, if you're happy to be in our magazine, I need some photos and an interview. Maybe one day next week?
Woman OK, I'll [5] [ ] my best, but I'm quite busy at the moment. Can you call my personal assistant and [6] [ ] an appointment?
Man Yes, of course.

3 DICTIONARY WORK Read a short extract from a dictionary entry for *make*. How many example sentences does it include in total?

Answer: [ ] example sentences.

make /meɪk/ *verb* (pt, pp made /meɪd/)
1 CREATE to produce or create sth: *to make bread* ◆ *This model is* ***made of*** *steel.*
2 CAUSE to cause a particular effect, feeling, situation, etc.: *The film* ***made*** *me cry.* ◆ *Flying* ***makes*** *him nervous.* ◆ *I'll* ***make it clear*** *to him that we won't pay.*
3 FORCE to cause sb/sth to do sth: *You can't* ***make*** *her come with us if she doesn't want to.*

4 Match the examples below with the correct meaning of *make* from the dictionary entry in exercise 3: 1, 2, or 3.

1 If you're late for games, they make you run round the playing field three times. [ ]
2 She never buys birthday cards; she makes them. [ ]
3 At school, we're making a video about homelessness. [ ]
4 I don't like theme park rides; they make me feel sick. [ ]
5 It's a fascinating documentary that really makes you think. [ ]
6 The robbers made the shop assistant open the till and hand over the money. [ ]

5 Circle the correct verbs. Use a dictionary to help you.

1 How many goals have we scored? I (make) / (take) it six.
2 She could be a really good tennis player if she (made) / (took) it more seriously.
3 My neighbour works in London. I'm not sure what he (does) / (takes), but it must be well paid.
4 My cousin refuses to (do) / (take) painkillers even when she's ill.
5 Don't (make) / (take) this the wrong way, but that jumper doesn't really suit you.
6 I like travelling, but flying (makes) / (takes) me anxious.
7 We only had three days in Paris, but we (did) / (made) the most of it.
8 The doctors were amazing and (did) / (took) everything they could to help.

VOCAB BOOST!
Common verbs like *do*, *make* and *take* often appear in everyday phrases and idioms. If you come across one, check its meaning in a dictionary and make a note of the meaning.

it won't do any good = it won't help the situation
it didn't make a sound = it was silent
take it easy = relax

6 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Then use a dictionary to complete the phrases with *do*, *make*, or *take*.

1 Can you [ ] me a favour and hold my bag?
2 Try not to [ ] a mess before the visitors arrive.
3 I can't understand his text – it doesn't [ ] sense.
4 There's no hurry – [ ] your time.
5 I don't mind you playing computer games, but you also need to [ ] time for your homework.
6 Lisa looks really upset. I wish I could [ ] something to help.

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