

MAKE VS DO

In English, both **MAKE** and **DO** mean "realizar" or "hacer", but we use them with completely different words! Learning the common pairs (collocations) is the best way to avoid mistakes.

1. When to use "MAKE" (Creation & Production)

We use **make** when we create, build, produce, or manufacture something completely new that did not exist before.

- **Food and Drink:**

- *make breakfast / lunch / dinner*
- *make a cup of tea / a coffee*
- *make a cake*

- **Producing a Reaction or Sound:**

- *make a mistake (you produced an error!)*
- *make a noise / make a sound*
- *make friends (create new social connections)*

2. When to use "DO" (Activities & Actions)

We use **do** for general activities, jobs, work, or daily repetitive tasks. It does not produce a physical object.

- **Work and Study:**

- *do homework*
- *do a test / do an exam*
- *do housework (general cleaning)*

- **Everyday Tasks & Body Care:**

- *do the dishes (wash them)*
- *do exercise / do sports*
- *do your hair / do your teeth*

Common Expressions

MAKE (+ CREATION / FOOD / PLANS)	DO (+ ROUTINE / WORK / GENERAL)
• make a mistake • make plans • make a phone call • make money • make the bed • make a promise • make a suggestion	• do your homework • do housework • do a favor • do business • do your best • do anything / something / nothing • do shopping

Exercise 1. Choose the correct word (make or do).

1. I need to _____ a quick phone call to my mom.
a) make b) do
2. Did you _____ your English homework last night?
a) make b) do
3. Don't worry if you _____ a mistake. It is normal!
a) make b) do
4. My brother loves to _____ sport every morning.
a) make b) do

Exercise 2. Complete with the correct form of MAKE or DO.

(Be careful! Use the correct tense: Present Simple or Past Simple)

1. Every morning, I wake up and immediately _____ my bed.
2. Yesterday, she _____ a very delicious chocolate cake for my birthday.
3. He always _____ his best when he takes an exam.
4. Shh! Please don't _____ a noise. The baby is sleeping.

Exercise 3. Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. I always make my homework after school.
2. She wants to do a cup of coffee for the guests.
3. My father did a big mistake on his tax form.
4. Can you make the dishes after we finish eating?