

LET'S LEARN SOME COLLOCATIONS PART 1

WATCH THE INTERACTIVE FACEBOOK LESSON FIRST



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IS IT A BIG MISTAKE TO USE A WRONG COLLOCATION?



It would sound strange if someone said, "huge rain" "large decision" "finish a habit" or "do a mistake." Most people would understand the meaning, but native English speakers would never combine words in that way. **There is no grammatical reason why.** And that sometimes makes collocations difficult for English learners. If you don't know, for example, that "big decision" is a collocation, **it is not so easy to guess.**

DO... COLLOCATIONS

do the housework
do the laundry
do the dishes (also "wash the dishes")
do the shopping
do the right thing
do your best
Do business with somebody



WHAT IS A COLLOCATION?



A collocation is when two or more words naturally go together and sound correct together. Nice weather is an example of a collocation. We don't say pretty weather in English, even though NICE and PRETTY are synonyms. They are ARBITRARY and we need to memorise them, there is no rule... typical collocation: **heavy rain**

Not: **thick rain**

typical collocation: **high temperature**

Not: **tall temperature**

MAKE ? DO? TAKE?

Do, make, and take are used in combination with hundreds of words such as: experiment (do an experiment), test (take a test), noise (make a noise) You can find some typical **MAKE** and **DO** collocations below.



MAKE ... COLLOCATIONS

Make fun of someone	Make room
Make furniture	Make sense
Make love	Make someone angry/ mad/ happy/ sad
Make money	Make something easy
Make plans	Make sure
Make progress	Make the bed
Make an effort	Make time
Make a wish	Make an excuse
Make a joke	Make a promise
Make a point	Make a fuss (fare una scenata)
Make a bet	



EXERCISES

WHICH SOUNDS BETTER?

- 1 Does she ever ____ her own bread?
a) do b) does c) make d) makes
- 2 You have to ____ something.
a) do b) does c) make d) makes
- 3 She never ____ mistakes.
a) do b) does c) make d) makes
- 4 My sister always ____ her bed.
a) do b) does c) make d) makes

- 5 ____ this chocolate cake?
a) Not did b) Did you do c) Did you make
- 6 It ____ any harm.
a) don't do b) doesn't do c) doesn't make
- 7 When ____ that promise?
a) did you did b) did you do c) did you make
- 8 I ____ my homework. Suzanne will be sad!
a) did b) didn't do c) didn't make

FIND THE RIGHT VERB



- 1 The conference took almost five hours so it was impossible to _____ attention all the time.
give | pay | have | make | keep
- 2 This group is really difficult to _____ under control.
hold | do | keep | make
- 3 It took us all day to clean up the place after the party - the guests _____ a terrible mess
did | took | made | had
- 4 I don't think we should _____ a decision yet; we should wait.
do | hold | make | create
- 5 Only 31% of the students who _____ the final exam passed it.
had | took | made | wrote
- 6 I think we should buy a new washing machine - this one started _____ a lot of noise
making | doing | having
- 7 Could you _____ me a favour and post these letters on your way home?
do | make | give | get | bring
- 8 I've told him ten times that he's got the wrong number. I'll _____ crazy if they call again.
go | be | become | get
- 9 The company offers free language training but not many people _____ advantage of it.
make | take | do | keep

MAKE OR DO?

- 1) I will _____ my best. - What else could I do ?
The pupils _____ an excuse after being late for the lesson.
He crashed the car and _____ a lot of damage to it .
She _____ an attempt to break the world record, but she was unsuccessful
How did your son learn to _____ his own pizzas?

CHOOSE THE RIGHT VERB

1. I hope to _____ my own business one day.
a) do b) have c) make
2. I don't _____ many hobbies.
a) do b) have c) make
3. My wife usually _____ the bed, rather than me.
a) does b) has c) makes
4. Many countries _____ problems with obesity.
a) do b) have c) make
5. I _____ a mistake in my IELTS reading last time I took the test.
a) did b) had c) made

6. I _____ my break at work at 3.15.
a) do b) have c) make
7. Reading a lot _____ a real difference to your IELTS score.
a) does b) has c) makes
8. I'm planning to _____ a holiday in June or July.
a) do b) have c) make
9. I _____ my shopping at the weekends.
a) do b) have c) make
10. I don't _____ any sympathy for people go to jail for hurting an animal.
a) do b) have c) make