

MAKE vs DO?

That's one confusing pair of verbs, or is it? Let's see!

1. Drag & drop* these words under the correct verb. *Do this before going ahead!*



nothing	progress	complaint	research
appointment	effort	paper boat	math problem
mistake	postcard	sports	favor
			your best

MAKE

DO

NEITHER: _____ *(*Drop spots are sensitive in their upper left hand corners.)*

So, how CAN we tell which of them to use? Here are some basic hints for **MAKE**, first:



You probably already know this one: CREATE something.

When you physically create something, like a cake, or cookies, or a dress on a sewing machine, etc., you **MAKE** it.

So, when you create something material, can you always use “make”?

No. ... Sometimes we prefer completely different verbs, for example:



They **built** their new house
on an acre of land.



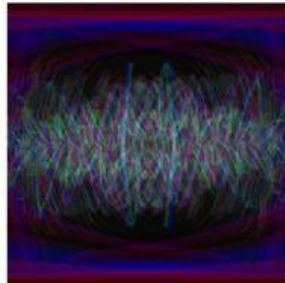
The report they **wrote**
has been censured.

(Learn them one by one as you need them.)

WAIT! There's MORE! ... We ALSO use **MAKE** for creating IMMATERIAL things! ... Huh?! What do I mean by "immaterial" things?! Choose the right word from the pull-down menus (*examples*):



3. She's **making** an _____ while she's **making** a _____



2. Who **made** such a _____ in the office?!



4. If a tree falls in a deserted forest, does it **make** a _____?

*If it didn't exist before, and then it does... you probably can use **make**.*

5. WRITE YOUR OWN with **MAKE** (ungraded): _____

Is that all for **MAKE**? Ahh, no, there are various idiomatic uses for it (make someone do something, make in the sense of arrive, ...), but we're doing the “creation” uses of **MAKE**, here!

6. Alright then, so what about **DO**? Draw a line between the image and the explanatory words:



(connect
here)

(connect
here)

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here)

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Fixed phrases
(ex., do your
best; learn
one by one)

Minimize
importance
(even if other
verbs are typical!)

generic,
especially
if it takes
some time

repetitive

executing
instructions

work-
related

7. Your turn! Write your own sentences with **DO** following these hints (*ungraded*):











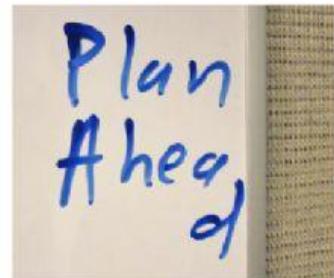


8. You try! Help edit these pieces of a story. Choose the right answer from the pull-down menus.



- a. Well, at least she's _____ an effort!
- b. You are _____ progress in your English.
- c. When he has holidays, he enjoys _____ nothing.
- d. When was the last time you _____ someone a favor?

- e. Have you ever _____ a complaint in a restaurant, or shop?
- f. Little Johnnie _____ his bed and _____ the dishes this morning.
- g. Did he _____ the appointment for the meeting for today or tomorrow?
- h. The student _____ the homework that the teacher _____.
- i. They _____ business even after hours and on weekends!
- j. Star likes to _____ research for her projects.
- k. He has _____ this mistake many times before.
- l. I like to _____ a little reading in the evenings.
- m. The maid _____ the beds early this morning.



9. Try, again! You can do it! Drag & drop* these words under the correct verb.



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