

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!*



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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.



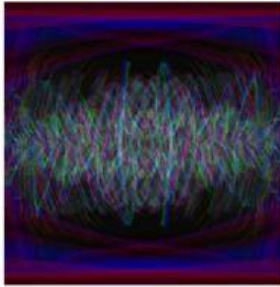
(Learn them one by one as you need them.)

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*):



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

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



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)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)



(connect
here)

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

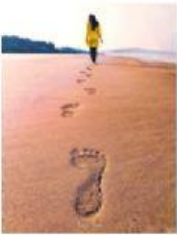
7. Your turn! Write your own sentences with **DO** following these hints (*ungraded*):













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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