

MAKE vs DO

phrasal verb	meaning/use	example
do		
<i>do away with</i> sb/sth	abolish, get rid of sb/sth	<i>Europe has done away with</i> duty-free shopping.
<i>do sb out of</i> sth	cheat sb	<i>The sales assistant did me out of</i> 5 euros.
<i>do without</i> sth	manage to live without sb/sth	<i>I can't afford a car so I'll just have to do without.</i>
<i>do sth up</i>	fasten, tie sth	<i>I can't do my laces up.</i>
<i>do up</i> sth	repair, redecorate sth	<i>They did up the house and sold it.</i>
<i>could do with</i> sth	need, want sth	<i>I could do with</i> something to eat.
<i>do with</i> sth	have a connection with sth	<i>The problem has nothing to do with</i> me.
make		
<i>make away with</i> sth	steal sth	<i>Thieves made away with</i> her jewellery.
<i>make for</i> somewhere	move towards somewhere	<i>Two thieves made for the window.</i>
<i>make of</i> sth	understand, interpret sth	<i>What do you make of</i> their proposal?
<i>make off (with sth)</i>	(steal sth and) leave quickly	<i>They attacked him and made off with</i> his watch.
<i>make out</i> sth	be only just able to	<i>I can't make out</i> her handwriting.
<i>make sth out</i>	hear, see, understand sth	
<i>make up (of sth)</i>	combine together, form	<i>Tourism makes up</i> 70% of their income.
<i>make up</i> sth	invent an excuse, etc.	<i>She made up</i> a silly story about the post being late.

Put the following with the correct verb to make verb phrases.

<i>an appointment</i>	<i>a bad impression</i>
<i>badly</i>	<i>the bed</i>
<i>a cup of coffee</i>	<i>a decision</i>
<i>a difference</i>	<i>the dishes</i>
<i>a dress</i>	<i>French</i>
<i>good</i>	<i>a good impression</i>
<i>your hair</i>	<i>harm</i>
<i>your homework</i>	<i>a job</i>
<i>a living</i>	<i>a loss</i>
<i>marks on the wall</i>	<i>Maths</i>
<i>a mistake</i>	<i>money</i>
<i>a phone call</i>	<i>Physics</i>
<i>a profit</i>	<i>sth for a living</i>
<i>a suggestion</i>	<i>the washing up</i>
<i>well</i>	<i>some work</i>

do	make

Match the verb phrases (1–10) with the meanings (a–j).

- 1 make notes
- 2 do badly
- 3 make an attempt
- 4 make a journey
- 5 do harm
- 6 do some exercise
- 7 make sense
- 8 make a fortune
- 9 make sure
- 10 do your best



Both players *made for* the ball at the same time.

a check that sth is certain

b injure

c work and become rich

d try as hard as possible

e write down information

f try

g not be successful

h travel

i practise a set of movements to stay healthy

j understand because it is clear

Complete the following sentences with an appropriate form of *do* or *make*.

- 1 Her job has something to with marketing.
- 2 Girls up half of the students in the school.
- 3 You'll have to without your dinner if you don't get back in time.
- 4 She sits in front of the mirror for ages herself up.
- 5 The government have decided to away with the old tax law.
- 6 When the bell rang, the students for the door.
- 7 Let's the store room into an extra kitchen, shall we?
- 8 Speak louder – I can't out what you're saying.
- 9 up your coat – it's cold.
- 10 I was out of ten pounds in the shop this morning.
- 11 They mugged the old lady and off with her handbag.
- 12 If you your best to explain the problem, I'm sure she'll understand.
- 13 What did the robbers off with?
- 14 It's about time you some exercise – you're getting a bit overweight.
- 15 I don't know what to of Christina's odd behaviour just lately.
- 16 I could have with more help.
- 17 I don't believe him – he's it up!
- 18 How many times a week do you the shopping?

Complete the questions with *do* or *make* and then write an answer.

WORK

- 1 What would you like to for a living?
- 2 Is a lot of money important to you?
- 3 What would you wear to a good impression at a job interview?
- 4 Would you accept a well-paid job if it harm to your health?
- 5 Does it a difference to you if your boss is a man or woman?
- 6 Would you a job which involved responsibility for people's lives?

Are you a good student?

- 7 Do you always your homework?
- 8 Which subject you do well in at school?
- 9 How do you feel when you a mistake in your English?
- 10 What do you do if you badly in an exam?
- 11 What kind of exercises do you like in class?
- 12 Do you notes while you're listening to the cassette in English?

Fill each gap in the following text with one suitable word.

Overdoing it

'OK, you can (1) your shirt up now,' said Doctor Hymes. He had just given me a thorough check-up and was (2) detailed notes on a big sheet of paper.

'What do you (3) of it all, doctor?' I asked anxiously.

'Well, the first thing is that you could (4) with a good rest. You've been overdoing it a bit haven't you?' I admitted I had been (5) a lot of overtime recently. I had taken a lot on and had (6) a bit of a mess of it all and was suffering from stress. He agreed that this probably had a lot to (7) with it. I had also (8) the mistake of

starting to smoke again; in fact my diet was now largely made (9) of coffee and cigarettes. The doctor then reminded me that coffee did a lot of (10) to our nervous system and of course cigarettes (11) a lot of damage to the whole system. He said I should try and (12) without coffee for a few days and make a serious (13) to cut out smoking altogether.

'And make (14) you have a proper meal every day,' he warned. His last piece of advice was that I should find time to (15) some jogging every day. I promised him I'd do my best.

There's no need to do housework – after four years the dirt doesn't get worse.

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