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Word Skills

do, make and take

I can use 'do', 'make' and 'take' correctly.

1 Complete the phrases with **do**, **make** and **take**.

- 1 a look at something / a picture / a photo
- 2 an appointment / up your mind
- 3 yoga / karate / gymnastics / your best

2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of **do**, **make**, or **take**.



- Man** I love your house. It's really unusual.
Woman Yes, I designed it myself. You must a look at the basement. I'm really proud of it.
Man Thanks. Wow! This is amazing. It's huge! Can I a photo?
Woman Yes, of course.
Man What are you going to use the basement for?
Woman It might be a guest room – or maybe a fitness room. I can't up my mind. At the moment, my daughters gymnastics down here. They love it!
Man So, if you're happy to be in our magazine, I need some photos and an interview. Maybe one day next week?
Woman OK, I'll my best, but I'm quite busy at the moment. Can you call my personal assistant and an appointment?
Man Yes, of course.

3 **DICTIONARY WORK** Read a short extract from a dictionary entry for **make**. How many example sentences does it include in total?

Answer: example sentences.

make /meɪk/ verb (pt, pp made /meɪd/)

1 **CREATE** to produce or create sth: *to make bread* ♦ *This model is made of steel.*

2 **CAUSE** to cause a particular effect, feeling, situation, etc.: *The film made me cry.* ♦ *Flying makes him nervous.* ♦ *I'll make it clear to him that we won't pay.*

3 **FORCE** to cause sb/sth to do sth: *You can't make her come with us if she doesn't want to.*

4 Match the examples below with the correct meaning of **make** from the dictionary entry in exercise 3: 1, 2, or 3.

- 1 If you're late for games, they make you run round the playing field three times. ☐
- 2 She never buys birthday cards; she makes them. ☐
- 3 At school, we're making a video about homelessness. ☐
- 4 I don't like theme park rides; they make me feel sick. ☐
- 5 It's a fascinating documentary that really makes you think. ☐
- 6 The robbers made the shop assistant open the till and hand over the money. ☐

5 Circle the correct verbs. Use a dictionary to help you.

- 1 How many goals have we scored? I make / take it six.
- 2 She could be a really good tennis player if she made / took it more seriously.
- 3 My neighbour works in London. I'm not sure what he does / takes, but it must be well paid.
- 4 My cousin refuses to do / take painkillers even when she's ill.
- 5 Don't make / take this the wrong way, but that jumper doesn't really suit you.
- 6 I like travelling, but flying makes / takes me anxious.
- 7 We only had three days in Paris, but we did / made the most of it.
- 8 The doctors were amazing and did / took everything they could to help.

VOCAB BOOST!

Common verbs like **do**, **make** and **take** often appear in everyday phrases and idioms. If you come across one, check its meaning in a dictionary and make a note of the meaning.

it won't **do** any good = it won't help the situation

It **didn't make** a sound = it was silent.

take it **easy** = relax

6 Read the **Vocab boost!** box. Then use a dictionary to complete the phrases with **do**, **make**, or **take**.

- 1 Can you me a favour and hold my bag?
- 2 Try not to a mess before the visitors arrive.
- 3 I can't understand his text – it doesn't sense.
- 4 There's no hurry – your time.
- 5 I don't mind you playing computer games, but you also need to time for your homework.
- 6 Lisa looks really upset. I wish I could something to help.