

41) make or do

A make and do: general differences

Here are two common meanings of **make**:

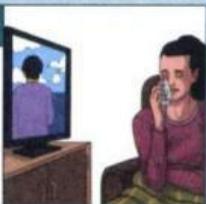
1 produce or create sth:

*The factory **makes** cars.
I'm **making** a cake for Tom's
birthday.
This shirt is **made of** cotton.*



2 produce a change in sb or sth:

*Chocolate **makes** you fat.
Romantic films sometimes
make me cry.
The book **made** them laugh.*



Here are two common meanings of **do** as an ordinary verb (not an auxiliary verb):

1 used about activities:

*What are you **doing**
this evening?
I didn't **do** much at the
weekend.*



2 have a job, or study sth:

*What do you **do**?
~ I'm a doctor.
I want to **do** medicine
at university.*



1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- did / what / do / yesterday / you What did you do yesterday ?
- 1 does / his / wife / do / what
- 2 makes / his / software / company / programs
- 3 make / does / you / why / English / tired
- 4 school / Spanish / to / I / next / want / year / do / at
- 5 is / jumper / of / made / this / wool
- 6 you / night / did / do / what / last

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *do* or *make*.

- The long walk made the children tired.
- 1 These shoes are of leather.
- 2 She doesn't work at the bank any more. ~ Oh. What does she now?
- 3 Matthew wants to law when he goes to university.
- 4 Flying me nervous.
- 5 I've just sandwiches for lunch. Is that OK?
- 6 Cheese is from milk.
- 7 What are you going to next year?
- 8 My nephew wants to a film about his school.

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 What kinds of things are made in your country?
- 2 Do you ever make things for other people, e.g. clothes?
- 3 Do films or music ever make you cry?
- 4 What subjects did you do at school? (or are you doing at school?)
- 5 What are you doing this evening?
- 6 What did you do last weekend?

4 Look at the example sentences at the top of the page. How would you translate *make* and *do* in each sentence? If possible, talk to somebody who speaks your own language.



B Do or make?

Both **do** and **make** are used with a number of nouns with the meaning 'perform an action'.

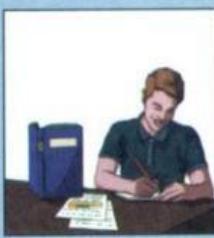
do + action:	make + action:
your best	the bed
exercise [U] (in the gym)	a decision
exercises (in class)	a mistake
the housework [U]	money
your homework [U]	a noise
the shopping	sense



do exercise



do the housework



do your homework

GLOSSARY

do your best	do all that you can: <i>I may not finish the work today, but I'll do my best.</i>
make a decision	choose what you want to do
make money	get money, often from work: <i>She made a lot of money when she worked in America.</i>
make a noise	make a sound, especially one that is loud and not nice
make sense	be possible to understand: <i>This sentence doesn't make sense.</i>

5 Underline the correct verb.

► I always try to do / make my best.

1 Have you done / made the shopping?

2 I make / do most of the housework at the weekend.

3 Don't become a teacher if you want to do / make a lot of money.

4 The children did / made a lot of noise last night.

5 We did / made a couple of grammar exercises in class.

6 Mia did / made a terrible mistake in her essay.

7 This exercise doesn't do / make sense.

8 I have to do / make a decision soon about the flat.

6 Match 1–5 with a–f.

► do exercise	<u>d</u>	a try as much as you can
1 make sense	.....	b buy food
2 make a mistake	.....	c choose what you want to do
3 do the shopping	.....	d move your body to keep it strong ✓
4 do your best	.....	e be possible to understand
5 make a decision	.....	f do something wrong

7 ABOUT YOU Complete the questions.

► Do you do many written exercises in class? No, we usually do written exercises for homework.

1 Do you your own bed?

2 Do you often mistakes with English?

3 Do your neighbours often a lot of noise?

4 Do you much housework?

5 Do you often the shopping?

6 Is it important for you to a lot of money?

7 Do you always try to your best?

8 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions in Exercise 7, or ask another student. If possible, also explain why / why not in your answers.

TEST YOURSELF