Vocabulary 2B
Expressions with *make* and *do*

Choose the correct options to complete the description of a scientist's work.

'I work as a scientist in a laboratory. Obviously, we all dream of (1) *making / doing* a big discovery some day, but the reality is that most scientists (2) *make / do* a job that is pretty mundane at times. Part of that job involves coming up with a theory, and then (3) *making /doing* an experiment that allows you to test it. It's important to (4) *make / do* the right decisions when you're devising that experiment, because if you (5) *make / do* even a small mistake, it could (6) *make / do* a big difference to the results and invalidate them. Once an experiment's up and running, you can be really busy and (7) *make / do* quick progress, but sometimes it's a question of waiting for results, and you sit around (8) *making / doing* nothing for hours. When that happens, I sometimes ask a colleague to (9) *make / do* me a favour and keep an eye on things while I work from home.

As for how I came to be a scientist, I always got good results when I (10) *made / did* science tests at school, and whereas a lot of my classmates had problems with maths, it always just seemed to (11) *make / do* sense to me. So studying science at college just seemed a natural choice.'

2 Complete the sentences with words in the box in exercise 1.

1 I always put off making _____ until the last moment, especially important ones.
2 If I do _____ for somebody, then I think that person should do something for me.
3 I just love sitting around and doing _____ at the weekend.
4 I love my work. I think I'm doing _____ that really makes _____ to people's lives.
5 I don't understand this crazy world. Sometimes I think nothing makes _____.