

# MAKE VS DO

In English, both **MAKE** and **DO** mean "realizar" or "hacer", but we use them with completely different words! Learning the common pairs (collocations) is the best way to avoid mistakes.

## 1. When to use "MAKE" (Creation & Production)

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We use **make** when we create, build, produce, or manufacture something completely new that did not exist before.

### • Food and Drink:

- *make breakfast / lunch / dinner*
- *make a cup of tea / a coffee*
- *make a cake*

### • Producing a Reaction or Sound:

- *make a mistake (you produced an error!)*
- *make a noise / make a sound*
- *make friends (create new social connections)*

## 2. When to use "DO" (Activities & Actions)

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We use **do** for general activities, jobs, work, or daily repetitive tasks. It does not produce a physical object.

### • Work and Study:

- *do homework*
- *do a test / do an exam*
- *do housework (general cleaning)*

### • Everyday Tasks & Body Care:

- *do the dishes (wash them)*
- *do exercise / do sports*
- *do your hair / do your teeth*

## Common Expressions

MAKE (+ CREATION / FOOD / PLANS)	DO (+ ROUTINE / WORK / GENERAL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• make a mistake</li><li>• make plans</li><li>• make a phone call</li><li>• make money</li><li>• make the bed</li><li>• make a promise</li><li>• make a suggestion</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• do your homework</li><li>• do housework</li><li>• do a favor</li><li>• do business</li><li>• do your best</li><li>• do anything / something / nothing</li><li>• do shopping</li></ul>

### Exercise 1. Choose the correct word (make or do).

1. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ a quick phone call to my mom.  
a) make    b) do
2. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ your English homework last night?  
a) make    b) do
3. Don't worry if you \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake. It is normal!  
a) make    b) do
4. My brother loves to \_\_\_\_\_ sport every morning.  
a) make    b) do

### Exercise 2. Complete with the correct form of MAKE or DO.

*(Be careful! Use the correct tense: Present Simple or Past Simple)*

1. Every morning, I wake up and immediately \_\_\_\_\_ my bed.
2. Yesterday, she \_\_\_\_\_ a very delicious chocolate cake for my birthday.
3. He always \_\_\_\_\_ his best when he takes an exam.
4. Shh! Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ a noise. The baby is sleeping.

**Exercise 3. Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.**

1. I always make my homework after school.
2. She wants to do a cup of coffee for the guests.
3. My father did a big mistake on his tax form.
4. Can you make the dishes after we finish eating?