

Vocabulary: Make, Do

FORM:

MAKE	DO
- irregular verbs - conjugated according to the normal rules for verbs	

USE:

It is hard to choose between these two verbs.
 In general, “**DO**” is to perform, and “**MAKE**” is to create or to construct.

Example: The teacher makes up the exam and the student does it.
 Below are lists of words (or phrases) that follow “**MAKE**” or “**DO**”.

Note: When you are not sure, use “**make**” because the odds are in your favour that it will be correct!

MAKE		
a phone call a deal a decision a remark a mess a new start a promise an attempt an effort a success (of something) an appointment, a date a dress certain sense clear money (to earn) up a story	your bed a mistake a joke progress change a comment a protest a change an impression a failure (of something) breakfast, lunch, supper sure fire love time, up time a pie, a cake, cookies	a speech friends with someone a signal noise arrangements a confession a suggestion a contribution a sound someone happy, sad, etc. a will a living fun of war make someone do something (force) a difference
DO		
your homework the floors (scrub, polish) a good deed someone a favor over your duty right	the dishes the housework a good action any kind of work without your best wrong your hair (wash, dry, curl, style)	the windows (wash) your nails (polish) a dance nothing, something a job the shopping away with

Fill in the blank with the correct verb and form of MAKE or DO.

1. My grandmother _____ the best chocolate cookies in the world!
2. Estelle always _____ good work. That is why she is up for a promotion.
3. He _____ nothing to solve the problem.
4. Linda _____ arrangements with her mother to watch her baby while she works.
5. After the President _____ his speech, he left the conference.
6. Bob _____ a new start. He quit his job, sold his house and moved to France.
7. Some women have time _____ their nails every week.
8. Are you _____ progress in English?
9. If you _____ an effort, you will pass your test with flying colours!
10. He _____ a promise to his girlfriend that he would meet her parents on Sunday.
11. The ballerina _____ a dance that was superb.
12. Would you please _____ me a favour and turn off that radio.
13. We always take turns _____ the dishes at my house.
14. The teenager _____ a confession to his parents; he told them that he had had an accident with their car.

Write a sentence with the following expressions.

1. do the dishes _____
2. do a good job _____
3. do (someone) a favour _____
4. make a decision _____
5. do over _____
6. make a living _____
7. do business _____
8. make a difference _____
9. make mistakes _____
10. make sure _____

Fill in the blank with the correct verb and form of MAKE or DO.

1. Every morning, I _____ my bed in 5 minutes.
2. It takes Sally 1/2 an hour to _____ her hair every morning.
3. She tries to _____ her children happy every day.
4. He _____ a really good job on the last report.
5. Let's _____ arrangements to meet next week.
6. Bob always _____ contributions to the Cancer Society.
7. Will you _____ me a favour and take the garbage out?
8. The officer _____ a signal for me to pull over.
9. Harry hates to _____ the windows. He would rather _____ the floors.
10. "Please don't _____ me give you all my money", cried the person being robbed.
11. Is it easy or difficult to _____ an important decision?
12. Ralph _____ a very interesting speech at the seminar last week.
13. Robert is not very serious. He always _____ jokes.
14. "I'm looking for someone who can _____ change for a dollar, can you?"
15. How much money does he _____ a year?
16. He _____ up a story because he came late.
17. How many good deeds did you _____ last week?
18. Martha always _____ a good first impression; she's a lovely woman.
19. Nobody _____ a sound. The library was completely quiet.
20. Don't just sit there; _____ something!
21. In my house, my husband always _____ supper and I always _____ lunch.
22. She _____ a cake for his birthday every year.
23. He _____ his homework last night.
24. She _____ her daughter go to bed at 8:00 p.m.
25. They _____ the *cha-cha-cha* and the *tango* until late in the evening.
26. The lovers _____ up after the fight.
27. Marlene _____ a phone call to her parents in Venezuela.

Use the correct forms of MAKE and DO in the following story. Below is a list of more idioms with MAKE and DO to help you with the story.

make the acquaintance of someone	make a commitment
make an attempt	make a decision
make a deal	make a date
make a presentation	make no secret of
make one's life with	do research
make it	do a B.A. (Ph.D.), etc.

DEBBIE'S DILEMMA

Have you ever been in a situation where you couldn't _____ up your mind, or _____ a decision about something important? You are not alone. This was the dilemma that Debbie faced.

It should have been easier for Debbie to _____ up her mind. After all, most young women of 25 have _____ plans for what they want to do with their lives. By this time, they are usually _____ a living and _____ their best to achieve their goals. Debbie, however, had not even begun to think of such things. She had lived a very sheltered life with her parents, both of whom insisted that all she had to _____ in life was to _____ well in her university courses.

Debbie was _____ her Ph.D. when it happened. She fell in love with two young men at the same time. "How could that be?" her best friend often wondered. Debbie, although attractive, had never been a very popular young woman. She was always too busy _____ research or _____ assignments to care whether she could _____ a date for Saturday night.

In her final year at the university, Debbie had _____ the acquaintance of two young men, both of whom had, in a very short period of time, developed strong feelings for her. What was even stranger was that Debbie _____ no attempts to hide her feelings for either of her suitors. She was head over heels in love with both of them.

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Each of these young men was quite outstanding. There was Mark, who at 27 was quickly _____ his first million. He was a sophisticated young lawyer who was used to _____ million dollar deals. He almost never _____ a mistake. He had _____ plans to go a long way in life. Then he met Debbie at a fundraiser for the children's hospital. He _____ his best to resist her, but it was no use because he had fallen in love with her. Although Debbie had told Mark that she loved him, she _____ no secret of the fact that she was seeing another man too.

That other young man was Bob. Bob was an academic. He was an assistant professor at the university. He was a gentle, kind, considerate person. He had _____ many friends, and he was always _____ a favour for one of them. He was all heart. It was easy to see that Bob was not the kind of man who would ever _____ it in the world of money and power. But Bob had other accomplishments. He was an outstanding cook. He could _____ a fantastic meal. He _____ his own housework and laundry. He even loved _____ the shopping. He was the perfect companion. Bob made Debbie feel as if she were the most important person in the universe. He had been madly in love with her ever since they had _____ a presentation together on the environment. He wanted to _____ his life with her, but Debbie was always _____ excuses. He also knew that she was seeing someone else.

Debbie didn't know what to do. She wanted to _____ sure that she wasn't _____ a mistake before she _____ any commitments. Although Debbie was kind and sensitive, she felt that she needed more than the academic life to be happy. She wanted the finer things in life, too, and the freedom that a great deal of money might bring. She needed to _____ sense of her feelings and her life. Debbie decided that the only thing to _____ was to take a long trip to sort out her feelings. She decided that she would travel to Africa for three months. Perhaps in that period of time, without either of the young men, she would be able to _____ a decision and finally _____ something about her dilemma.