Make and do

🌡 You use make with nouns referring to:

Plans: appointment arrangement choice decision plan

Travel: journey tour trip visit

Talking and sounds: comment noise point promise sound speech suggestion Food and drink: breakfast a cup of tea some coffee a meal a sandwich

I think I made the wrong decision. Let's make a plan.

In 1978 she made a trip to America. We'll make a short visit if we have time.

If you make a promise you have to keep it. Don't make too much noise.

If you make something you produce something new:

Sheila makes all her own clothes. You can make petrol from coal.

Some common expressions with make:

make friends (with) – make a mistake – make some money
make a difference – two and two make four – I think Pedro would make a good teacher





4 You use do with -ing forms and with words to do with work:

Who's going to do the cleaning? He does all the shopping and I do the washing. I have a lot of work to do. He gets up early and does a hard day's work.

You often use do with a noun instead of another verb if the meaning is clear:

You must do your teeth before you go to bed. Have you done the dishes yet?
I'll do the kitchen if you do the flowers. Do I need to do my hair?

Some common expressions with do:

do well do badly do your homework do an exercise

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A Complete these sentences using make or do:

- 1 Don't forget to ______ your homework.
- 2 Read your book carefully and ______ the exercise on page 52.
- 3 If you want to see Mr. Brown you must _____ an appointment .
- 4 I have to ______ a speech at the meeting tomorrow.
- 5 The baby is going to sleep. Try not to _____ a noise.
- 6 I'll _____ the garden if you _____ the house.
- 7 We have to ______ a long journey. We should try to leave early.
- 8 Some pop stars and sports stars _____ a lot of money.

B Complete these questions, then tell a friend your answers:

- 1 Have you ever had to ______ a speech?
- 2 Who _____ most of the washing-up in your house?
- 3 If you _____ a promise , do you always keep it?
- 4 Do you _____ friends easily?
- 5 Was it easy to _____ this exercise?

Close your books and see how many questions you can remember.

9 'Don't be frightened. He just wants to ______ friends.'



C Complete these dialogues using make or do:

A: What work do you want to _____ when you leave school?

B: If I _____ well in my exams I'd like to be a doctor.

A: Then you would _____ a lot of money.

B: I don't mind about the money. I just want to ____ an interesting job.



- A: Are you going to ______ a cup of coffee?
- B: I have to _____ the dishes first.
- A: OK then. I'll _____ the coffee, while you
 - ____ the washing up.
- B: Right. While we have coffee we can _ plans for our holiday this year.