

# do and make

## A

**Do** is a general word for actions:

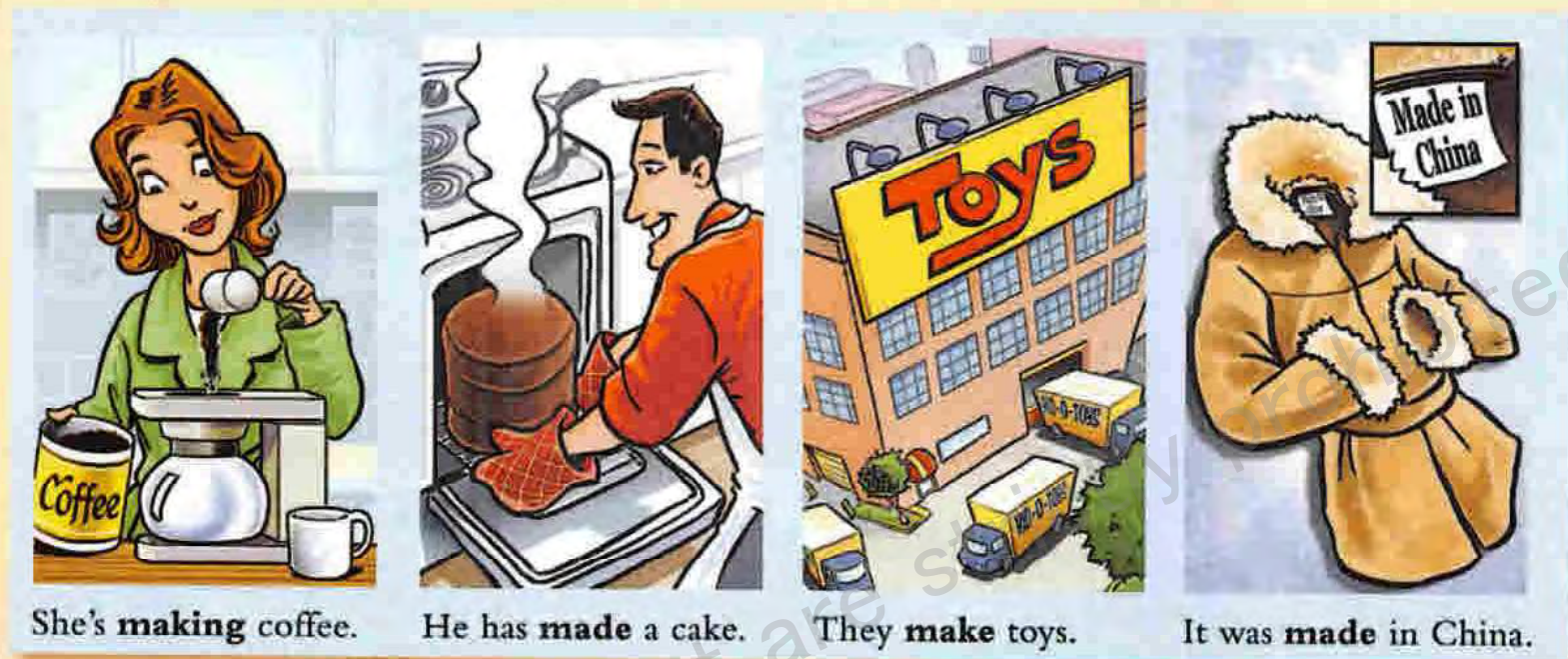
- What are you **doing** tonight? (*not* What are you making?)
- "Shall I open the window?" "No, it's OK. I'll **do** it."
- Linda's job is very boring. She **does** the same thing every day.
- I **did** a lot of things yesterday.

**What do you do?** = What's your job?:

- "What do you **do**?" "I work in a bank."

## B

**Make** = produce/create. For example:



Compare **do** and **make**:

- I **did** a lot yesterday. I **cleaned** my room, I **wrote** some letters, and I **made** a cake.
- A: What do you **do** in your free time? Read? Play sports?  
B: I **make** clothes. I **make** dresses and jackets. I also **make** toys for my children.

## C

Expressions with **do**

<b>do</b>	homework
	housework
	(somebody) a favor
	an exercise
	(your) best
	the laundry
	the dishes

- Have the children **done their homework**?
- I hate **doing housework**, especially cleaning.
- Barbara, could you **do me a favor**?
- I have to **do four exercises** for homework tonight.
- I **did my best**, but I didn't win the race.
- Tim usually **does the laundry** on Saturdays.
- I cooked, so you should **do the dishes**.

## D

Expressions with **make**

<b>make</b>	a mistake
	an appointment
	a phone call
	a list
	(a) noise
	a bed

- I'm sorry, I **made a mistake**.
- I need to **make an appointment** to see the doctor.
- Excuse me, I have to **make a phone call**.
- Have you **made a shopping list**?
- It's late. Don't **make any noise**.
- Sometimes I forget to **make my bed** in the morning.

We say **make a movie** *but* **take a picture**:

- When was **this movie made**? *but* When was **this picture taken**?

## 58.1 Write *make/making/made* or *do/doing/did/done*.

1. "Shall I open the window?" "No, that's OK. I'll do it."
2. What did you \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend? Did you leave town?
3. Do you know how to \_\_\_\_\_ bread?
4. Paper is \_\_\_\_\_ from wood.
5. Richard didn't help me. He sat in an armchair and \_\_\_\_\_ nothing.
6. "What do you \_\_\_\_\_?" "I'm a doctor."
7. I asked you to clean the bathroom. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ it?
8. "What do they \_\_\_\_\_ in that factory?" "Shoes."
9. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ some coffee. Would you like some?
10. Why are you angry with me? I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ anything wrong.
11. "What are you \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow afternoon?" "I'm working."

## 58.2 What are these people doing?



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| 1. <u>He's making a cake.</u> | 6. _____  |
| 2. They _____                 | 7. _____  |
| 3. He _____                   | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____                      | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____                      | 10. _____ |

## 58.3 Write *make* or *do* in the correct form.

1. I hate doing housework, especially cleaning.
2. Why do you always \_\_\_\_\_ the same mistake?
3. "Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me a favor?" "It depends what it is."
4. "Have you \_\_\_\_\_ your homework?" "Not yet."
5. I need to see the dentist, but I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment.
6. Joe \_\_\_\_\_ his best, but he didn't pass his driver's test.
7. I painted the door, but I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it very well.
8. How many phone calls did you \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday?
9. When you've finished Exercise 1, you can \_\_\_\_\_ Exercise 2.
10. There's something wrong with the car. The engine is \_\_\_\_\_ a strange noise.
11. It was a bad mistake. It was the worst mistake I've ever \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a list of all the things we have to \_\_\_\_\_ today.