

Do and make

A **Do** is a general word for action:

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

What do you do? = What is your job?

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

B **Make** = produce / create: She **is making** coffee; he **has made** a cake; they **make** umbrellas; it **was made** in China

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

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

C Expressions with **do**

do	an exam / a test	• I'm doing my driving test next week.
	a course	• John has just done a training course .
	homework	• Have the children done their homework ?
	(somebody) a favour	• Susan, could you do me a favour ?
	exercises	• I go for a run and do exercises every morning.
	housework	• I hate doing housework , especially cleaning.
	the shopping	• John is doing the shopping.
	the washing-up	• I hate doing the washing-up .

Also **do the washing / the ironing / the cooking**, etc....

D Expressions with **make**

make	a mistake	• I am sorry, I made a mistake.
	an appointment	• I must make an appointment to see the dentist.
	a phone call	• Excuse me, I have to make a phone call .
	a list	• Have you made a shopping list ?
	a noise	• It's late. We mustn't make a noise .
	a bed	• I sometimes forget to make my bed in the morning.

We say **make a film** *but* **take a photograph**:

- When was **this film made**?
- When was **this photograph taken**?