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BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DO AND MAKE

- Use **DO** for actions, obligations, and repetitive tasks.
- Use **MAKE** for creating or producing something, and for actions you choose to do.
- **DO** generally refers to the action itself, and **MAKE** usually refers to the result. For example, if you “make breakfast,” the result is an omelet! If you “make a suggestion,” you have created a recommendation.

Collocations with make and do

Collocations with do?

Use **do** when someone performs an action, activity or task.

Examples:

- **do**
 - ...the dishes
 - ... an exercise
 - ... the laundry
 - ... the ironing
 - ... the shopping

We use often use **do** to refer to work of any kind.

Examples:

- **do**
 - ... your work
 - ... homework
 - ... housework
 - ... your job
 - ... business
 - ... your hair
 - ... your nails

Use the verb '**do**' when you speak about general things (to describe an action without saying exactly what the action is.)

Examples:

I've got nothing to **do** today.
He doesn't **do** anything all day long.
She **does** everything to attract him.

These are other expressions that you can use with **do**:

Examples:

- **do**
 - ... one's best
 - ... good
 - ... harm
 - ... a favor
 - ... business
 - ... things right / badly / well
 - ... good
 - ... harm
 - ... time - (to go to prison)
 - ... your best / worst.

Collocations with make?

We use the verb **make** to construct, build or create. The result is something that you can touch.

They make tea with mint in Morocco.
She **makes** beautiful dresses.
Let's **make** a cup of coffee!
can you **make** a cup of tea?
They **make** delicious food in this restaurant!

These are some important expressions that you can use with make:

- **make**
 - ... arrangements
 - ... an attempt
 - ... bed
 - ... believe
 - ... change
 - ... a choice
 - ... a comment
 - ... a complaint
 - ... a decision
 - ... a demand
 - ... a difference
 - ... an effort
 - ... an exception

... an excuse
... an inquiry
... a fool of yourself
... a fortune
... friends
... a fuss
... a journey
... love
... a mess
... a mistake
... money
... a move
... a noise
... an offer
... peace
... a phone call
... a plan
... a point
... a profit
... a promise
... a remark
... a sound
... a speech
... a suggestion
... time
... a visit
... war

Practice

- I the shopping every Friday afternoon.
- Please, can you a reservation for me?
- She doesn't much money.
- Nobody helps my mother to the housework.
- Will you me a favor? Help me carry this table.
- Let's the appointment for 10:00 in the morning.
- Try not to any grammar mistakes in your writing.
- Oh, dear! There is so much laundry to !
- She always the dishes late at night.
- I'll spaghetti for dinner. Do you like it?

Answer key

- I **do** ✓ the shopping every Friday afternoon.
- Please, can you **make** ✓ a reservation for me?
- She doesn't **make** ✓ much money.
- Nobody helps my mother to **do** ✓ the housework.
- Will you **do** ✓ me a favor? Help me carry this table.
- Let's **make** ✓ the appointment for 10:00 in the morning.
- Try not to **make** ✓ any grammar mistakes in your writing.
- Oh, dear! There is so much laundry to **do** ✓ !
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