

# Make or do?

## Task 1. WORDS USED WITH **MAKE** OR **DO**

Look at the sentences below and decide whether they should be completed with the verb **make** or the verb **do**. The form of these verbs will need to change in most sentences. Use the words in bold to help you.

1. Has your mother \_\_\_\_\_ a **will** yet?
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ her piano **exercises** every morning.
3. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of **damage** last night.
4. Who will be \_\_\_\_\_ the **speech** at her wedding?
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ a large **profit** when we sold our house.
- 6 There's a lot of **work** still to be \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. At the moment he's \_\_\_\_\_ great **efforts** to learn Spanish.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of **business** with European countries.
9. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ the **washing** today.
10. When we got to the hotel, the **beds** hadn't been \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. The workmen are \_\_\_\_\_ so much **noise** we can't use the telephone.
12. We are \_\_\_\_\_ good **progress** towards finishing the house.
13. He didn't mean to \_\_\_\_\_ any **harm**.
14. His wife usually \_\_\_\_\_ all the **housework**.
15. The milk boiled over and \_\_\_\_\_ a **mess** on the stove.
16. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ today's **crossword** - it's too hard.
17. Are you going to \_\_\_\_\_ a Christmas **cake** again this year?
18. How much **money** did you \_\_\_\_\_ last year?
19. It took us hours to \_\_\_\_\_ the **washing up** after the party.
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ an **inquiry** about trains to Edinburgh.
21. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ a quick phone call **before** we leave.
22. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ such a **fuss** - it's only a little scratch.
23. She \_\_\_\_\_ a **mistake** in typing the address.
24. We \_\_\_\_\_ **friends** with some French people on holiday.
25. Our company is small but it's \_\_\_\_\_ **well**.
26. She \_\_\_\_\_ a few **notes** before her speech.
27. She was \_\_\_\_\_ the **ironing** when I came home.
28. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ a **loss** in their first year of operations.

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## 2. IDIOMS AND COLLOQUIALISMS USING *MAKE*

Replace the words and expressions in bold with an expression using *make* from the box.

make the best of • make a break with • made a meal of • make do with  
make time • made off with • make-believe • make up my mind

1. The burglar **stole** all their silver.
2. She forgot her pyjamas and had to **use** a T-shirt **because there was nothing else available**.
3. They say it will rain this afternoon so we'd better **take advantage of** the sunshine while it's here.
4. I can't **decide** whether to take the afternoon off to do some shopping or stay in the office and work.
5. She **spent a lot of unnecessary time and went to a lot of effort** repainting the kitchen.
6. His stories about his love affairs are just **not true, although he pretends they are**.
7. We must **arrange** to visit the new sports club **even though we are short of time**.
8. I've tried to forget my last girlfriend, but it's not always easy to **move away from** the past.

## 3. IDIOMS AND COLLOQUIALISMS USING *DO*

The words in bold are all in the wrong sentences. Decide which sentences they should go in.

1. If the computer doesn't work, hit it - that should do the **sights** and get it working again.
2. Will you do the **turn**, John, and pour us all a drink?
3. He never uses violence himself. He just gets other people to do the **yourself** work for him.
4. He looks a bit unhappy. An evening out would do **don'ts** to cheer him up.
5. She's very good at painting, decorating and other do-it-**trick** jobs.
6. You don't have a car? How can you do **turn** one? You must have a good public transport system in our area.
7. This chicken is cooked perfectly. It's done to a **dirty**.
8. She told him all the do's and **without** about working in the office, and helped him to settle in.
9. He did me a good **honours** by writing a job reference for me, so I helped him in return.
10. When we went to Barcelona, we did all the **wonders** and took hundreds of photographs.

*You will find more expressions using make and do in the phrasal verbs section on pages 27 and 29.*