

Make or Do (collocations) – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Make or do?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of make or do.

Example: She ___ (make/do) her homework every evening. → does

1. I always _____ (make/do) my homework after dinner.
2. Yesterday Ana _____ (make/do) a cake for her brother's birthday.
3. Please don't _____ (make/do) a noise. The baby is sleeping.
4. Tom is in the kitchen. He is _____ (make/do) the dishes.
5. Last summer we _____ (make/do) a lot of new friends at the camp.
6. Can I _____ (make/do) a phone call, please?
7. My dad _____ (make/do) the shopping every Saturday.
8. Sorry, I _____ (make/do) a mistake with your name yesterday.

Exercise 2: Complete the collocations

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. There are two extra words.

Example: I need to do ___ before the shop closes. (the shopping) → the shopping

WORD BOX

breakfast the bed your best exercise a plan a decision the housework homework
a photo a shower

9. I make _____ for my family every morning at seven o'clock.
10. After I get up, I make _____ and open the window.
11. Don't worry about the test. Just do _____.
12. She does _____ in the gym three times a week.
13. We need to make _____ for the weekend. Where do you want to go?
14. It's hard to make _____. Should I buy the red bag or the blue one?
15. On Sundays everyone in our family does _____: cleaning, washing and ironing.
16. Have you done your _____? It's for tomorrow's lesson.

Exercise 3: What do you do?

Match each situation with the best phrase from the box. There is one extra phrase.

WORD BOX

make a mistake make a noise do the dishes make a phone call do the shopping
make friends do a course make money

17. There is no food in the fridge. → _____
18. The plates and cups are dirty. → _____
19. You want to talk to your grandma, who lives in another city. → _____
20. You are new at school and you feel alone. → _____
21. You want to learn to cook, so you go to classes. → _____
22. You write "Tuesday" as "Tusday". → _____
23. You want to buy a new bike, so you get a job. → _____

Exercise 4: Find the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake with make or do. Write the correct sentence.

Example: I do a cake every Sunday. → I make a cake every Sunday.

24. I made my homework last night.

25. Can you do a cake for the party?

26. She always does a lot of mistakes in her tests.

27. We are making the housework now.

28. He did a phone call to the doctor.

29. My brother makes exercise every morning.

30. They did a lot of noise at the party.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

Example: does / he / the / shopping / on Fridays → He does the shopping on Fridays.

31. did / you / do / the / dishes / ?

32. mother / my / makes / every / the / bed / morning

33. made / an / important / decision / I / yesterday

34. doing / is / she / her / homework / now

35. friends / easy / it / to / is / make / new / not

36. best / always / does / Leo / his

Answer key – Make or Do (collocations) – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Make or do?

1. do

We say do homework; with I, use the present simple form do.

2. made

We make food; yesterday needs the past simple made.

3. make

We say make a noise; after don't, use the base form.

4. doing

We say do the dishes; is + -ing gives the present continuous.

5. made

We say make friends; last summer needs the past simple made.

6. make

We say make a phone call; after can, use the base form.

7. does

We say do the shopping; with he/she, add -es: does.

8. made

We say make a mistake; yesterday needs the past simple made.

Exercise 2: Complete the collocations

9. breakfast

We make meals: make breakfast, make lunch, make dinner.

10. the bed

Make the bed means put the sheets and covers in order.

11. your best

Do your best means try as hard as you can.

12. exercise

We say do exercise for sport and physical activity.

13. a plan

We say make a plan when we decide what to do.

14. a decision

We say make a decision when we choose something.

15. the housework

We say do the housework for cleaning and other jobs in the home.

16. homework

We say do homework for school work at home.

Exercise 3: What do you do?

17. do the shopping

You need to buy food, so you do the shopping.

18. do the dishes

Do the dishes means wash the plates and cups.

19. make a phone call

You call her, so you make a phone call.

20. make friends

Make friends means meet people and become friends with them.

21. do a course

We say do a course when we study something.

22. make a mistake

Writing a word wrongly means you make a mistake.

23. make money

We say make money when we earn it.

Exercise 4: Find the mistake

24. I did my homework last night.

We say do homework, so the past form is did.

25. Can you make a cake for the party?

We make food, so it is make a cake.

26. She always makes a lot of mistakes in her tests.

We say make a mistake, not do a mistake.

27. We are doing the housework now.

We say do the housework.

28. He made a phone call to the doctor.

We say make a phone call, so the past form is made.

29. My brother does exercise every morning.

We say do exercise.

30. They made a lot of noise at the party.

We say make a noise, so the past form is made.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

31. Did you do the dishes?

Past simple question: Did + subject + do + the dishes.

32. My mother makes the bed every morning.

Subject + makes + the bed + time expression.

33. I made an important decision yesterday.

We say make a decision; the adjective goes before the noun.

34. She is doing her homework now.

Present continuous: subject + is + doing + her homework.

35. It is not easy to make new friends.

It is not easy + to + make new friends.

36. Leo always does his best.

Always goes before the main verb: Leo always does his best.

Notes for teachers: Start with a quick sort: write make and do on the board and ask learners to place nouns such as homework, a cake and a mistake under the right verb. A useful rule of thumb is that make often means creating or producing something, and do is often used for tasks, work and activities. Learners often say 'make homework' or 'do a mistake', so point these out. As a follow-up, ask learners to write five true sentences about their weekend using make or do collocations.