

## 'Make' or 'Do'?

It can be hard to decide when to use 'make' or 'do' in English. Here's some help.

1: We use **'make'** when we create or construct something. For example:

- She made a cake.
- I've made us some coffee.
- Did you really make those trousers?

2: We use **'do'** for general activities. In this case, 'do' is often used with 'something', 'nothing', 'anything' or 'everything':

- What did you do at the weekend?
- I didn't do anything yesterday.
- She's fed up with doing everything herself. She needs some help.
- Are you doing anything interesting during the holidays?

NOTE: 'What do you do?' means 'what's your job?'

3: There are many, many fixed expressions with **'make'** and **'do'**. Unfortunately, they don't really follow any useful rules, so you have to learn them. Sorry!

Exercises:

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/make-do/exercise-1>

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/make-do/exercise-2>

[https://www.english-grammar.at/online\\_exercises/general-vocabulary/gv045-make-do.htm](https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/general-vocabulary/gv045-make-do.htm)