Make or Do?

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The two verbs 'do' and 'make' are often confused.

The meanings are similar, but there are some differences.

Let's do a little test!



the shopping



noise





business



a favour



homework



coffee

Let's go back to theory...

'Do' for Activities

Use the verb 'do' to express daily activities or jobs. Notice that these are usually activities that produce no physical object.

- odo homework
- do the cleaning
- odo housework
- do the ironing
- odo the dishes
- odo a job

'Do' for General Ideas

Use the verb 'do' when speaking about things in general. In other words, when we do not exactly name an activity. This form is often used with the words 'something, nothing, anything, everything, etc.'

I'm not <u>doing anything</u> today. He <u>does everything</u> for his mother. She's <u>doing nothing</u> at the moment.

Important Expressions with 'De

There are a number of standard expressions that take the verb <u>'do'.</u> These are standard collocations (verb + noun combinations) that are used in English.

- odo one's best
- ⇒do good
- odo harm
- do a favor
- odo business
- odo exercise

'Make' for constructing, building, creating

Use <u>'make'</u> to express an activity that creates something that you can touch.

- make food
- make a cup of tea / coffee
- **omake a mess**

Important expressions with 'make'

- **make plans**
- make an exception
- **make arrangements**
- make a telephone call
- make a decision
- make a mistake
- **make noise**
- make money
- make an excuse
- **make an effort**
- **make friends**

Let's do a little test again!



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something



a powerpoint



dinner



an effort

Great job! Thank you

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