

The verbs DO and MAKE often cause a lot of confusion.

Correct Forms

Common Mistakes

I did my homework. **NOT:** I ~~made~~ my homework.
 I haven't done the dishes yet. **NOT:** I haven't ~~made~~ the dishes yet.
 I was hungry, so I made a snack. **NOT:** I was hungry, so I ~~did~~ a snack.
 The kids made trouble for the teacher.
NOT: The kids ~~did~~ trouble for the teacher.

Here are some general guidelines:

Use -DO- for talking about a general activity.

· Do you know what he is doing?

· If she does that, she'll be sorry later.

Use -DO- for performing tasks: working, cooking, shopping, cleaning, etc.

· On the weekend I don't do any work. I don't do my homework, I don't do any cleaning, and I don't do any gardening either! I like to be lazy on weekends.

· My husband never does the cleaning, but he often does the shopping.

Use -MAKE- for preparing, creating or producing things.

· I made a cup of tea, then I made myself a snack.

· Some cars make too much noise!

In your binder you have a list of common expressions with DO and MAKE, here are some more:

-DO-

-MAKE-

do homework

do an assignment

do exercises

(grammar)

do laundry

do business

do good

do one's best

do a favor

do one's hair

do housework

do research

do exercise

(physical)

do the dishes

do evil

do drugs

do a good job

do well (succeed)

do one's nails

make an appointment

make a plan

make arrangements

make an excuse

make a mistake

make an effort

make a promise

make breakfast/lunch

make the bed

make a habit of

make trouble

make noise

make love/war/peace

make a

reservation

make a decision

make an offer

make an

exception

make an error

make an attempt

make an

appearance

make a phone call

make some

changes

make a profit

a disturbance

make fun of

make the most of

Do vs Make

I. Complete the following sentences using do or make, be careful with the tense!

- 1) Please ____ dinner reservations for 6pm.
 - 2) Have you ____ your homework yet?
 - 3) I was ____ the dishes when the phone rang.
 - 4) I think I ____ a mistake. Can you check this for me?
 - 5) Who is ____ all that noise outside?!
 - 6) Is Mary ____ her nails again? She just painted them yesterday!
 - 7) Will Sylvia ____ her own hair for the party, or go to the hairdresser?
 - 8) It's not nice to ____ fun of other people. Nobody likes to be laughed at.
 - 9) Could you please ____ me a favor?
 - 10) I ____ a sandwich for lunch.
 - 11) He ____ a promise to me, but it was a lie.
 - 12) ____ your best on the test. Good luck!
 - 13) I have to ____ the laundry tonight. I have nothing to wear.
 - 14) Children, please don't ____ trouble for the babysitter!
 - 15) Have you ____ any plans for the weekend yet?
 - 16) I ____ really well on my test. I got an A+!
 - 17) I'm going to the gymnasium to ____ some exercise. I need to work out.
 - 18) Kids, clean your rooms and ____ your beds too. Then you may play.
 - 19) Who ____ the housework when you are sick?
 - 20) Frank ____ a habit of interrupting people. He's annoying.
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