**DO vs MAKE**

**Do** and **Make** are two verbs which frequently confuse students. Here we will learn about the difference between **Do** and **Make** and when to use each one.

* **When do you use DO?**

DO is used as follows:

1. DO is used when talking about **work, jobs or tasks**. Note, they do not produce any physical object.

* Have you **done** your homework?
* I have guests visiting tonight so I should start **doing** the housework now.
* I wouldn't like to **do** that job.

2. DO is used when we refer to **activities in general without being specific**. In these cases, we normally use words like thing, something, nothing, anything, everything etc.

* Hurry up! I've got things to **do**!
* Don't just stand there – **do** something!
* Is there anything I can **do** to help you?

3. We sometimes use DO to **replace a verb when the meaning is clear** or obvious. This is more common in informal spoken English:

* Do I need to do my hair? (do = brush or comb)
* Have you done the dishes yet? (done = washed)
* I'll do the kitchen if you do the lawns (do = clean, do = mow)

3. Remember **Do** can also be as an auxiliary verb (for making questions in the present tense - Do you like chocolate?). Here we will be talking about **Do** as a normal verb.

* **When do you use MAKE?**

MAKE is for **producing, constructing, creating or building** something new.

1. It is also used to indicate the **origin of a product or the materials that are used** to make something.
* His wedding ring is made of gold.
* The house was made of adobe.
* Wine is made from grapes.
* The watches were made in Switzerland
1. We also use MAKE for **producing an action or reaction**:
* Onions make your eyes water.
* You make me happy.
* It’s not my fault. My brother made me do it!
1. You use MAKE after certain nouns about **plans and decisions**:
* make the arrangements,
* make a choice
1. We use MAKE with nouns about **speaking and certain sounds**:
* make a comment
* make a noise
* make a speech
1. We use MAKE with **Food, Drink and Meals**:
* make a cake
* make a cup of tea
* make dinner
* **Compare DO and MAKE**

A: You have to **make** a cake for Simon.

B: I’ll **do** it later.

Notice how in the response the verb DO is used. This is because the meaning is clear and to avoid saying “I’ll make it later.” which could sound repetitive.