**DO vs MAKE**

DO

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

I have to do homework / Sheila likes to do this job

1. 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.

Don’t be lazy! Do something! / I’ve got a lot of things to do

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

Do the dishes before leaving / I have to do my hair for the party!

1. Do is also an auxiliary verb.

Do you like salsa? / We didn’t study for the exam.

MAKE

1. In general, *make* is for **producing, constructing, creating or building** something new, generally something physical.

They made a hospital next to the park / My mother makes delicious cake

1. It is also used *make* to indicate the **origin of a product or the materials that are used** to make something.

The ring is made of gold / The house was made of limestone

1. We also use *make* for **producing an action or reaction**.

You always make me cry!/ Don’t make me to do it!

1. You put make after certain nouns and verbs :

* Plans an decisions : make a choice, make arrangements
* Food and drink : make a cup of tea , make dinner
* Verbs of “speak” or “sound” : make a noise, make a speech, make a comment

**Expressions with DO**

The following words are normally used with **Do**:

* a burp
* a course
* a crossword
* a dance
* a drawing
* a fart
* a favor / favour
* a job
* a painting
* a project
* a service
* an assignment
* anything
* badly
* business
* chores
* damage
* everything
* exercises
* good
* harm
* laundry
* nothing
* research
* right (the right thing)
* something
* the gardening
* the housework
* the ironing
* the dishes
* the rest
* the shopping
* the washing
* well
* work
* wrong (the wrong thing)
* your best
* your hair
* your homework
* your job
* your nails
* your work

**Expressions with MAKE**

The following words are normally used with MAKE:

* a bet
* a cake
* a call
* a change
* a choice
* a comment
* a complaint
* a confession
* a connection
* a cup of coffee / tea
* a date
* a decision
* a demand
* a difference
* a discovery
* a face
* a fool of yourself
* a fortune
* a friend
* a fuss
* a joke
* a line
* a list
* a living
* a loss
* a mess
* a mistake
* a noise
* a pass at someone
* a plan
* a point
* a prediction
* a profit
* a promise
* a reservation
* a sandwich
* a scene
* a sound
* a speech
* a statement
* a suggestion
* advances
* alterations
* an appointment
* an announcement
* an attempt
* an effort
* an error
* an escape
* an exception
* an excuse
* an impression
* an observation
* an offer
* amends
* arrangements
* breakfast
* certain
* clear
* dinner
* faces
* famous
* fun of someone
* love
* lunch
* inquiries
* peace
* possible
* progress
* money
* room
* sales
* sense
* someone rich
* someone smile
* sure
* trouble
* war
* your bed
* your mind up
* your way