

# MAKE AND DO

## ACTIVITY TYPE

Reading, Writing, Grammar,  
Exercises

## LANGUAGE FOCUS

difference between MAKE and DO

## AIM

To learn and practice the difference  
between MAKE and DO

## LEVEL

Beginner, Elementary, Intermediate,

## TIME

30 Minutes

## INTRODUCTION

After going through your regular review and teacher talk, tell the students that they're going to learn the difference between MAKE and DO in English

## PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

## PROCEDURE

Give one copy of the worksheet to each student.  
Go through the grammar and exercises together.

## MAKE AND DO

*There is very little difference in meaning between the verbs make and do.*

Unfortunately we either use make or do in expressions and if you use the wrong one by mistake, it does not cloud the meaning but it does sounds funny.

There are less expressions that use do so I suggest you memorize those, read through the make column and then do the exercise.

### MAKE

to make an agreement

to make amends

to make an apology

to make an appointment

to make the arrangements

to make the bed

to make a cake\*

to make a complaint

to make a deal

to make a decision

to make difficulties

to make an effort

to make an excuse

to make a fortune

to make friends

to make fun of someone

to make a fuss

to make a living

to make a mess

to make a mistake

to make a noise

to make an offer

to make a phone call

to make plans

to make a profit

to make progress

to make a promise

to make a suggestion

to make a trip

to make up one's mind

\*We also say to bake a cake

## DO

to do your best

to do crosswords

to do damage

to do exercise

to do the ironing

to do someone a favour

to do science, maths etc.

to do your homework

to do the shopping

to do someone good

to do the washing up

to do well

## EXERCISE

Fill the gaps with either make or do in the correct form.

1 The house was a disaster. They \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible mess.

2 Have you \_\_\_\_\_ all the arrangements yet?

3 Vincent: English football fans came to Valencia last weekend.

Maria: Did they \_\_\_\_\_ any damage?

4 Listen. I made lunch so you can \_\_\_\_\_ the washing up.

It's only fair.

5 What he did was terrible. He didn't even \_\_\_\_\_ an apology.

6 They're \_\_\_\_\_ plans for their wedding.

7 Bob: Richie and I have had a fight.

Julio: Not again! You should \_\_\_\_\_ amends once and for all.

8 Who's going to \_\_\_\_\_ dinner? You or me?

- 9 Be careful that you \_\_\_\_\_ the right decision.
- 10 He's \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment to see the dentist on Thursday.
- 11 Would you \_\_\_\_\_ me a favour and feed the cat while I'm away.
- 12 We normally \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping on Saturday mornings.
- 13 Before you go out, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ your homework, OK?
- 14 This cake is delicious. Did you really \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- 15 I always \_\_\_\_\_ my bed before breakfast.
- 16 Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ a big effort to help yesterday.
- 17 The doctor told me I have to \_\_\_\_\_ exercise regularly.
- 18 She \_\_\_\_\_ crossword puzzles on the train everyday.
- 19 Stop \_\_\_\_\_ a fuss. I'm perfectly alright.
- 20 I \_\_\_\_\_ a really terrible mistake in my driving test.