# Make or do in English?

## Do in English

Do can be either a main verb or an auxiliary verb (to indicate the tense or appearance of another verb).
*The verb DO*

**We use DO to talk about work, tasks, professions:**

- What are you **doing**?
- I always **do** the gardening.
- Have you **done** your homework?
- I'm **doing** the housework now.
- He **did** a good job.

**DO is used to talk about non-specific activities, with words like thing, something, nothing, nothing, anything, everything etc....**

- I've got a lot of things to **do**.
- **Do** something!
- Is there anything I can **do** to help you?
- I **did** nothing!

**DO is sometimes used to replace a verb when the meaning is obvious (more often orally):**

- I need to **do** my hair.
- I'll **do** the dishes.

**Do is sometimes used as the verb "to go":**

- How are you **doing**?
- I'm doing well, thank you.
- That will **do**!

**Do + without means 'to manage without having something':**

- I can't **do** without my phone.

*Do as an auxiliary verb*

**Do can also be an auxiliary verb for making negative questions or sentences in the present tense (with do or does) or in the preterite (with did):**

- What time **does** the train leave?
- He **doesn't** like soccer.
- **Do** you speak english?
- I **don't** know.
- What **did** she do?
- She **didn't** like the movie.

**Do helps to reinforce an affirmation:**

- I **do** know her.

**Do allows you to make a short answer with Yes or No (less direct than if you only put Yes or No):**

- Do you like soccer? Yes, I **do**.
- Do you like tennis? No, I **don't**.

**At the end of the sentence, so as not to repeat the verb that has just been used:**

- 'I love cooking.' 'So **do** I.'

# Make in English

**The verb Make also means to do, more in the sense of "to manufacture": it is mainly used for the creation, construction, manufacture or production of something new:**

- **make** a fire
- **make** a mistake
- **make** money
- **make** a phone call

**Make is used to indicate the origin of a product or the material that is used to make something:**

- This wall is **made** of concrete.
- This watch is **made** in China.
- Wine is **made** from grapes.

**We also use Make to talk about a reaction:**

- You **make** me happy.
- This music **makes** me sleepy.
- She **made** me do it!
- It **makes** me smile.

**We use make to talk about preparations and decisions:**

- He **made** the arrangements.
- I have to **make** a decision.
- Blue or red? You must **make** a choice!
- We are **making** a plan for the holidays.

**Make is used with sound or sound names:**

- **make** a comment
- **make** a noise
- **make** a suggestion
- **make** a speech

**We use make to talk about cooking and eating:**

- **make** a cake
- **make** breakfast / **make** lunch
- **make** some coffee
- Tom **makes** his own bread