

Verb + Noun Collocations Worksheet

Do • Have • Make • Take

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Instructions: Complete the exercises using the correct collocations with do, have, make, and take. Write full answers where possible.

A. Choose the correct verb

Write do, have, make, or take.

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| 1. ___ homework | 7. ___ a break |
| 2. ___ a decision | 8. ___ breakfast |
| 3. ___ a shower | 9. ___ notes |
| 4. ___ a photo | 10. ___ the shopping |
| 5. ___ progress | 11. ___ an effort |
| 6. ___ your best | 12. ___ care |

B. Complete the sentences

Use the correct form of do, have, make, or take.

- I usually ___ a shower before breakfast.
- Please ___ your time. There is no need to hurry.
- We need to ___ arrangements for the school trip by Friday.
- She always ___ her best in every exam.
- Could you ___ me a favour and open the door?
- They stopped to ___ a short break after the meeting.
- Our class is ___ good progress this term.
- I forgot to ___ notes during the lecture.
- My brother usually ___ the shopping on Saturdays.
- You should ___ more exercise if you want to feel fitter.

C. Match the halves

Match 1–8 with a–h to make common collocations.

| 1-8 | a-h |
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| 1. do | a. a bow |
| 2. have | b. a good time |
| 3. make | c. a complaint |
| 4. take | d. research |
| 5. make | e. action |
| 6. have | f. a nap |
| 7. do | g. a decision |
| 8. take | h. an exam |

D. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains one collocation mistake. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

- I need to make my homework before dinner.
Correct: _____
- We had a decision to leave early.
Correct: _____
- Can you do a photo of us?
Correct: _____
- She took a shower and made breakfast.
Correct: _____
- The students are having good progress this year.
Correct: _____
- Please make your time when you answer.
Correct: _____
- He did a mistake in the final sentence.
Correct: _____
- Let's have a break and then do a look at the results.
Correct: _____

E. Choose the best answer

1. Could you ___ a message for Mrs Brown? a) do b) make c) take
2. They ___ a wonderful time in Edinburgh. a) did b) had c) made
3. We must ___ action immediately. a) do b) take c) have
4. She always ___ an effort with her students. a) makes b) does c) takes
5. I'd like to ___ a complaint about the service. a) make b) do c) take
6. He usually ___ lunch at one o'clock. a) takes b) has c) makes
7. The actors came on stage to ___ a bow. a) have b) make c) take
8. I hope you ___ well in your exam tomorrow. a) do b) make c) take

F. Sentence transformation

Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets. Keep the meaning the same.

1. Could you help me with this box? (FAVOUR)
Could you _____ with this box?
2. We enjoyed ourselves at the festival. (TIME)
We _____ at the festival.
3. The company is improving steadily. (PROGRESS)
The company is _____ steadily.
4. Please don't hurry. (TIME)
Please _____.
5. The researchers studied the effects of stress. (RESEARCH)
The researchers _____ the effects of stress.
6. I want to stop working for ten minutes. (BREAK)
I want to _____ for ten minutes.

Answer Key

Verb + Noun Collocations: Do • Have • Make • Take

A. Choose the correct verb

- 1 do homework
- 2 make a decision
- 3 have a shower
- 4 take a photo
- 5 make progress
- 6 do your best
- 7 take a break
- 8 have breakfast
- 9 take notes
- 10 do the shopping
- 11 make an effort
- 12 take care

B. Complete the sentences

- 1 have
- 2 take
- 3 make
- 4 does
- 5 do
- 6 take
- 7 making
- 8 take
- 9 does
- 10 do

C. Match the halves

- 1-d
- 2-b
- 3-g
- 4-a
- 5-c
- 6-f
- 7-h
- 8-e

D. Correct the mistakes

- 1 I need to do my homework before dinner.
- 2 We made a decision to leave early.
- 3 Can you take a photo of us?
- 4 She had a shower and made breakfast.
- 5 The students are making good progress this year.
- 6 Please take your time when you answer.
- 7 He made a mistake in the final sentence.
- 8 Let's take a break and then have a look at the results.

E. Choose the best answer

- 1 c
- 2 b
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 a
- 6 b
- 7 c
- 8 a

F. Sentence transformation

- 1 Could you do me a favour with this box?
- 2 We had a good time / had a wonderful time at the festival.
- 3 The company is making progress steadily.
- 4 Please take your time.
- 5 The researchers did research on the effects of stress.
- 6 I want to take a break for ten minutes.

Teacher's note: Accept minor wording variations where the target collocation is correct and the sentence remains natural.