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Hello English learners. Welcome to a new lesson. Have you ever thought about whether to say *I'll do the bed* or *I'll make the bed?* No wonder, because these two verbs are commonly confused. In today's lesson, we will talk about the collocations with do or make.

The rule is: use **do** for activities, work and duties, especially for repetitive actions (do the dishes/ironing) and use **make** for preparing food and drinks (make lunch/cocktail), for arrangements (make an appointment/schedule), etc. But believe me, it is easier to learn the collocation than to remember and apply the rule while speaking or writing.

Collocations with DO

Here is the list of the collocations with DO

homework	Michael usually does his homework right after lunch
housework	We do most of the housework at weekends.
cooking	I'll bring the drinks and you do the cooking.
gardening	My husband is the one who usually does the gardening.
laundry	Jane did the laundry and hung it to dry.
cleaning	A woman comes on Fridays to do the cleaning.
shopping	I sometimes do the shopping online.
Exercise/sport	Mary was doing exercise at home three times a week.
ironing	I have to do some ironing today.
washing up	After dinner, Elsa did the washing up.

work	Simon did the work fast because it was easy.
job	Sara had all the qualifications to do the job in the ads.
task	We are satisfied how you did the task we asked you to do.
duty	The policeman was awarded for doing his duty.
business	People do a lot of business online these days.
course	Kelly is doing a course in pottery.
exam	You'd better go to bed early. You're doing an exam tomorrow.
research	They did some research based on the evidence.
test	I'm afraid you'll have to do the driving test again.
favour	Will you do me a favour and turn the TV off?
drawing	Tom did the drawing and Sam coloured the picture.
painting	It was the teacher who did the painting.
harm	The wastewater will do harm to the aquatic life in the river.
your hair/nails	Who did the princess's hair? It's beautiful.
good/bad	The desire to do good can be a huge motivation.
your best	It's not important whether you win or lose. What matter is that you do your best.

Collocations with MAKE

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coffe/tea	Fiona went to the kitchen to make herself a cup of tea.
cake	Did you buy this cake or make it yourself?
breakfast/lunch/ dinner/snack/meal	Will you lay the table while I make breakfast?
speech	Tom had to make a speech at his sister's wedding.
plan	We need to make plans for the future.
money	John made some money by selling handicrafts.
profit	You have to work really hard to make profit.
progress	Brian made a lot of progress with his French.
comment	I'd like to make a comment.
mistake/error	Anyone can make a mistake.
bed	Daniel taught his children to make beds properly.
guess	Can you make a guess about where you could lose your phone?
mess	The dog made a mess in the kitchen.
complaint	I have a complaint to make about the air conditioning in my room.
friends	We made a lot of friends on our holiday last summer.

effort	You need to make an effort to eat more healthily.
loss	The company made a loss of £4 million.
noise	It is not polite to make noise while eating.
statement	The politician made a statement to the press.
change	Can we make a change in the guest list?
phone call	May I make a phone call?
excuse	Peter made an excuse for being late for class.
promise	You shouldn’t make a promise you can’t fulfill.