

# Make vs Do: There Is a Logic

*You are not guessing. You are creating something, or performing an action.*

## WHAT THIS LESSON IS ABOUT

- Not memorising every fixed expression.
- Not guessing and hoping.
- Just understanding the one logic behind the choice.

You do not need to memorise a full list. You only need to ask: **am I creating something, or performing an action?**

## THE REAL PROBLEM

You need to say something with make or do. You are not sure which one. So you pick one and hope.

**x** *I need to do a decision.*

**v** *I need to make a decision.*

**Why:** A decision is something you create. That is make.

**x** *I am making my homework.*

**v** *I am doing my homework.*

**Why:** Homework is a task you perform. That is do.

**x** *You are doing a mistake.*

**v** *You are making a mistake.*

**Why:** A mistake is something you produce, accidentally. Make.

Each mistake is small. But they add up, and you feel less confident every time.

## KEY IDEA

### Create something? Make. Perform an action? Do.

**Make** = create or produce a result. "make a decision", "make a plan", "make money."

**Do** = perform a task or activity. "do homework", "do research", "do exercise."

Ask: is there a result being created, or a task being performed?

## CHEAT SHEET

Expression	Why
<i>make a decision</i>	you produce a result
<i>make a plan</i>	you create something
<i>make a mistake</i>	you produce it, accidentally
<i>make progress</i>	you produce a result
<i>make money</i>	you create an outcome
<i>do homework</i>	you perform a task
<i>do research</i>	you perform an activity
<i>do exercise</i>	you perform an activity
<i>do someone a favour</i>	you perform an action for them

do your best

you perform at your maximum

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### PRACTICE

Make or do?

1. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ a decision.
2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me a favour?
3. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my best.
4. Let me \_\_\_\_\_ a phone call.
5. We should \_\_\_\_\_ some progress today.

### Answers

1. make
2. do
3. do
4. make
5. make

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### TODAY'S SMALL ACTION

Before your next make or do choice, ask: am I creating something, or performing an action?

**Fix one sentence today. That is enough.**

Want more practice? The members edition has 10 extra sentences, a mistake recognition exercise, and a self-check quiz.