



PET COMMON WRITING MISTAKES 4

Do or make?

Intermediate learners often confuse do and make.

1. Complete the sentences below by putting do or make into the correct form in each gap.

Example: When you've ...**done**... your homework, you can help me ...**make**... the tea.

- I want to (a) a lot of changes to the house to (b) it more comfortable.
- Samdi had to a choice between studying English or going on holiday.
- Karen has been a lot of exercise recently.

We use the verb do with some nouns and make with others. You have to learn which verb is correct for each noun. Here are some nouns which intermediate learners often make mistakes with. Write them under the correct heading below:

a cake	a change	a choice	a course	a decision	friends
a job	a mistake	a plan	a reservation	a sandwich	sport
a test	aerobics	an activity	an exam	an exercise	homework
housework	the shopping		a sightseeing	tour	work

Use with do:

Use with make:

3. Five of the sentences below contain mistakes made by intermediate students. Two sentences are correct (✓). Find and correct the mistakes.

made

Example: I ~~did~~ many mistakes when I read the text.

- I liked doing the course because we made a lot of fun activities.
- In my country people make a lot of things to help poor people.
- Without the Internet I can't do my homework.
- Last week in class, my friends and I made some very difficult exercises.
- We have some difficult choices to make.
- We started by making some listening tests.
- Olga went sightseeing and made some shopping.

4. Complete the questions below by putting do or make into the correct form in each gap.

Example: What job would you like to ...do... in the future?

1. Have you any plans for your summer holidays?
2. Who the shopping in your family?
3. What is the best way to friends, do you think?
4. What do you do when you a mistake speaking English?
5. What was the last exam you

ANSWERS

1.

1 (a) make (b) make

2 make

3 doing

2.

do: a job, sport, a test, aerobics, an activity, an exam, an exercise, homework, housework, the shopping, a sightseeing tour, work

make: a cake, a change, a choice, a decision, friends, a mistake, a plan, a reservation, a sandwich

3.

1 made did

2 make do

3 ✓

4 made did

5 ✓

6 making doing

7 made did

4.

1 made

2 does

3 make

4 make

5 did