

Make and Do

The use of the verbs **make** and **do** often causes difficulties for learners of English. As a generalisation, we can say that **make** means to bring into existence (like **making** things in a production department) or to produce a result (e.g. **make** a profit, **make** changes), and **do** means to perform an action (e.g. to **do** an exercise, to **do** your homework).

an enquiry	an application
an offer	a deal
a request	an excuse
money	a profit or a loss
an appointment	arrangements or plans
a complaint	an apology
a decision	a choice
a forecast	a mistake
progress	a phone call
an effort	an attempt
certain or sure	a business trip
changes, or an improvement	
make	

	business	
a job		some work
an exercise		homework
good		wrong
the accounts		your duty
an experiment	do	research
well, or better		someone a favour
damage or harm		repairs
something to, or for, or with someone		
something for a living		

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of either *make* or *do*, and one of the words or expressions from the boxes above.

1. Janine, can you try to me with my dentist for this afternoon, please?
2. Michael, can you me? I need to borrow a car.
3. No, we don't know what went wrong yet, but we're some
4. He said I wasn't working hard enough and I'd really have to an
5. I can't tell you now, but we expect to a early next week.
6. We're much than last year; we're definitely progress.
7. We spent three days to the warehouse roof after the storm last week.
8. We a lot of in Japan, and since the profit margin is high, we a lot of
9. I checked the figures last night and found that I'd a lot of
10. It's either one or the other. You'll have to a