

## 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	<b>do</b>	your duty
an experiment		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 .....