

Do and make ★★

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Here is one way of looking at the difference:

Do is general, **make** is specific:



Here's a longer list

The **make** list are all items with **a** or **an** in front of them, except three.

The **do** list are all mass nouns, except two.

make		do
___ a call	___ an arrangement	___ badly
___ a change	___ an attempt	___ business
___ a complaint	___ an effort	___ good
___ a decision	___ an enquiry	___ harm
___ a demand	___ an exception	___ something
___ a fuss	___ an excuse	___ anything
___ a good deed	___ an offer	___ the shopping
___ a job		___ well / your best
___ a mistake		___ work
___ a noise		
___ a phone call		
___ a profit / loss	___ love	
___ a suggestion	___ money	___ the accounts
___ a table	___ peace/war	___ a favour

Complete these sentences with the right form of do or make:

- I thought the president _____ a great speech yesterday.
- "I am just _____ a coffee; would you like one?"
- "Will you _____ me a favour? I need a hand."
- Short-term plans are always worth _____, though long-terms ones seldom work.
- It's always worth trying _____ the best you can, wherever you are.
- I need to go out _____ the shopping.
- If you _____ more of an effort, things would go better for you.
- "I can _____ anything better than you!"
- He _____ a decision and he stuck to it.
- He _____ his best, but it wasn't very good.
- It's OK _____ mistakes, as long as you learn from them.
- Carpenters _____ tables.
- The economy _____ badly this year, I'm afraid.
- "Don't just sit there, _____ something!"
- "I would like _____ an enquiry about your opening hours."

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