

4 Collocations with *make* and *do*

Here are some common collocations with *make* and *do*. (Note that in the charts below *sb* = somebody and *sth* = something):

make			
<i>an appearance</i>	<i>a decision</i>	<i>a gesture</i>	<i>a profit (on sth)</i>
<i>an appointment (= arrange)</i>	<i>a difference</i>	<i>a good/bad job of sth</i>	<i>progress (with sth)</i>
<i>arrangements</i>	<i>a discovery</i>	<i>a habit of sth</i>	<i>a promise (to sb)</i>
<i>an attempt</i>	<i>an effort</i>	<i>a journey</i>	<i>a remark (about sth)</i>
<i>a bed</i>	<i>an enemy (of sb)</i>	<i>a list</i>	<i>a sound</i>
<i>(sth) better/worse</i>	<i>an enquiry</i>	<i>a living</i>	<i>a speech (on/about sth)</i>
<i>a (phone) call</i>	<i>an exception</i>	<i>a mess (of sth)</i>	<i>a start (on sth)</i>
<i>a change</i>	<i>an excuse (about sth, for sb)</i>	<i>a mistake</i>	<i>a suggestion</i>
<i>a charge (for sth)</i>	<i>a fire</i>	<i>money</i>	<i>time (for sth/sb)</i>
<i>a choice</i>	<i>a fortune</i>	<i>a noise</i>	<i>trouble</i>
<i>a comment</i>	<i>friends (with sb)</i>	<i>an offer (for sth, to sb)</i>	<i>oneself understood</i>
<i>a confession</i>	<i>a fuss (about sth)</i>	<i>a plan</i>	<i>war</i>
<i>a contribution (to)</i>		<i>a point (about sth)</i>	<i>a will</i>

do			
<i>your best (= try hard)</i>	<i>an/some exercise</i>	<i>homework</i>	<i>an operation</i>
<i>business (with sb)</i>	<i>an experiment</i>	<i>the housework</i>	<i>research</i>
<i>the cleaning/cooking/ironing/washing (-up)</i>	<i>sb a favour</i>	<i>yourself an injury</i>	<i>right/wrong</i>
<i>a course</i>	<i>good (= help other people)/evil</i>	<i>a job</i>	<i>the shopping</i>
<i>some damage (to sth)</i>	<i>sb some good (= make sb better/healthier)</i>	<i>justice</i>	<i>sport</i>
<i>the dishes</i>	<i>your hair/face/nails</i>	<i>a kindness</i>	<i>your teeth (= brush/clean)</i>
<i>your duty</i>	<i>harm (to sb)</i>	<i>the laundry</i>	<i>well/badly (= be successful/unsuccessful)</i>
<i>an exam/a test</i>		<i>military/jury service</i>	

5 Collocations with *have* and *take*

We use some nouns with either *have* or *take*, e.g. *have/take a guess*; in other cases we only use one of these verbs:

have			
<i>an appointment (= an existing arrangement)</i>	<i>a dance</i>	<i>lunch/dinner/a meal</i>	<i>a say</i>
<i>an argument</i>	<i>a drink</i>	<i>a problem (with)</i>	<i>something to eat</i>
<i>a baby</i>	<i>an effect (on sth)</i>	<i>a quarrel</i>	<i>a talk</i>
<i>a care</i>	<i>a fall</i>	<i>a race (with/against sb)</i>	<i>a think</i>
<i>a chance (to do sth)</i>	<i>a fit</i>	<i>a/the right (to)</i>	<i>(no/the) time</i>
<i>a chat</i>	<i>a go (at sth)</i>	<i>a row</i>	<i>a wash</i>
	<i>an/no/any idea</i>		

take			
<i>action</i>	<i>effect</i>	<i>a photo(graph)</i>	<i>root (in)</i>
<i>advantage (of)</i>	<i>exception (to)</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>sides (with sb)</i>
<i>a breath</i>	<i>medicine</i>	<i>power</i>	<i>a step/steps</i>
<i>care (of)</i>	<i>a message</i>	<i>precedence (over)</i>	<i>turns</i>
<i>a chance (on)</i>	<i>offence (at sth)</i>	<i>responsibility (for)</i>	<i>the trouble (to)</i>
<i>control (of)</i>	<i>part (in)</i>	<i>a risk</i>	<i>years/months/weeks/days/hours, etc.</i>
<i>a decision</i>			

have or take					
<i>a bath/shower</i>	<i>an exam/test</i>	<i>a holiday/a vacation</i>	<i>a nap</i>	<i>a seat</i>	<i>a stroll</i>
<i>a break</i>	<i>a guess</i>	<i>a look (at)</i>	<i>a rest</i>	<i>a sip</i>	<i>a swim</i>