

Diploma in English for Beginners



Starter Pack

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Top Tips for Learning English

- Set goals for yourself
- Immerse yourself in the English language on a daily basis
- Read English language newspapers, books, and business websites
- Watch English language TV shows and movies
- Watch news programmes in English
- Review what you have learnt before bedtime
- Learn aloud
- Practise your English at home
- Record yourself
- Speak in English on a daily basis
- Write in English on a daily basis
- Use your English in 'real life' situations
- Try not to worry about making mistakes, and just speak confidently

Most Common Irregular Verbs in English

Verb (infinitive)	Past simple form	Past participle
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt

Verb (infinitive)	Past simple form	Past participle
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
get	got	got (BrE) / gotten (AmE)
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
know	knew	known
learn	learned	learnt/learned
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
lose	lost	lost

Verb (infinitive)	Past simple form	Past participle
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
show	showed	shown
sing	sang	sung
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent

Verb (infinitive)	Past simple form	Past participle
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

Collocations with *Do* and *Make*

Make and **do** create a lot of confusion for English language learners. The general rule of thumb is that *do* is for collocations involving tasks or matters of a practical nature and *make* is for more abstract collocations or those involving creation or design. However, this general rule of thumb is not always applicable and there are many exceptions. Below is a collection of some *make* and *do* collocations that often come up.

<i>make</i>	<i>do</i>
make a choice	a job well done
make a comparison	do a crime
make a complaint	do an experiment
make a connection	do business
make a decision	do damage
make a demand	do good
make a difference	do bad
make a fortune	do harm
make a living	do research
make a mess	do right
make a mistake	do wrong
make a point	do someone a favour
make a profit	do well
make a loss	do your best
make money	do your worst
make a promise	do your duty
make a request	
make a suggestion	
make a deal	

*make**do*

make do

do your part

make a telephone call

do your share

make an appointment

do a project

make an attempt

do tasks

make an effort

do work

make an exception

do a report

make an excuse

do your job

make an offer

do a deal

make changes

make clear

make ends meet

make money

make payments

make a plan

make progress

make the best of something

make the most of something

make time

make sense

make sure

make a proposal

make a reservation

make a comment

make an arrangement

make an enquiry

Additional Resources

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish>
- <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/>
- <http://englishwithatwist.com/blog/>
- <http://businessenglishideas.blogspot.ie/>
- <http://www.businessenglishsite.com/>
- <http://breakingnewsenglish.com/>
- <http://www.freeeslmaterials.com/english.html>
- <http://www.economist.com/>
- <http://www.ft.com/home/europe>

Recommended Reading

All books listed would be a great aid to your study, but are in no way mandatory.

- *Easy Learning English Conversation*, by Collins
- *Beginners Guide to Speak Fluent English Like a Native in Less Than 6 Months*, by Mason Wilson
- *English for Academic Study*, by Joan McCormack & Sebastian Watkins
- *A Communicative Grammar of English*, by Geoffrey Leech
- *Concise English Dictionary*, various publishers
- *Make an Impact with Your Written English*, by Fiona Talbot
- *Perfect English Grammar*, by Grant Barrett
- *Introducing English Grammar*, by Kersti Borjars & Kate Burridge