

FUMC ESL 10-5-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell what you will do this afternoon.

MORE CONFUSING VERBS

One of the most confusing verbs is the verb DO. The past tense of DO is DID. The past participle is DONE

Examples: I **do** all the chores in my house. Yesterday I **did** the chores. I **have done** the chores every day this week. It is your turn.

1-We use DO as the only verb in commands: **Do** your homework. **Do** the dishes. **Do** the laundry. **Do** your job.

And we use DO as the only verb in some sentences. EX: Tim **does** our taxes. Mother **does** all the cooking. My daughter **does** her homework every night. I **did** well on the test. Sometimes I like to **do** nothing.

2-We also use DO as a helping verb with another verb. This is most common in negative sentences. EX: It **didn't rain** last night. My son **didn't play** in the game last night. We **didn't go** to class yesterday. The children **don't pay** attention to me.

We can even use two DO verbs in the same sentence. EX: Mom, I **didn't do** anything wrong. The children **don't do** homework on weekends.

We don't use DO as a helping verb in positive sentences UNLESS we want to emphasize what we did. This usually occurs after someone asks you a question. EX: Did you close the windows? Yes, I did close them. DID adds emphasis. But if you were just informing me that you did something, you wouldn't say, "I did close the windows today." You would just say, "I closed the windows today."

I played golf yesterday. I didn't play golf yesterday. BUT NOT I did play golf yesterday.

UNLESS someone says, "Did you play golf yesterday?" You could answer, "I did play golf yesterday." OR "Yes, I did."

Don't use DO when another verb sounds better. For example:

Don't Say: I did a question. Do Say: I asked a question or I answered a question.

Don't say: I did a party. Do Say: I had a party.

USING DO or MAKE

Another reason DO can be a confusing verb is that it is hard to know whether we should use DO or MAKE.

Look at these examples:

DON'T SAY	DO SAY
Do your bed.	Make your bed.
Do a sandwich.	Make a sandwich.
Do a reservation.	Make a reservation.
Do a cup of tea.	Make a cup of tea.
I did a profit.	I made a profit.
I did money.	I made money.
We did a phone call.	We made a phone call.
She did a suggestion.	She made a suggestion.
Don't do excuses.	Don't make excuses.
Let's do some plans.	Let's make some plans.
I did a mistake.	I made a mistake.
She did a list.	She made a list.
The baby did a noise.	The baby made a noise.

Put the correct word in these sentences.

1. I (did / made) some coffee.
2. I (did / made) the dishes after dinner.
3. He (did / made) some work in the afternoon.
4. Our clothes were dirty, so Mother (did / made) the laundry.
5. My mother always (does / makes) the shopping.
6. I'm hungry. I will (do / make) a sandwich.
7. I can't leave until I (do / make) my homework.
8. Sam doesn't (do / make) friends easily.
9. Dad (did / made) a lot of money.
10. Tom (did / made) well in school.
11. Mother (did / made) a reservation on the early flight.
12. That man (did / made) furniture for our house.
13. I bought fingernail polish. Now I can (do / make) my nails.
14. Sam (does / makes) exercises every morning.
15. I (did / made) a promise to Dad that I would finish college.
16. We (did / made) plans to go swimming.
17. I will go to the grocery store. Please (do / make) a list for me.
18. Your room is a mess. Please (do / make) your bed.

19. I (do / make) it a habit to drink eight glasses of water a day.
20. Dad (does / makes) the children behave properly.
21. Your dog (does / makes) a lot of noise.
22. My company (does / makes) business with your company.
23. I thought about it then (did / made) my decision.
24. The painter we hired (did / made) a good job.
25. The children (did / made) a big mess in the kitchen.

That's Life Lesson 3: The Traffic Jam

It's 7:45 AM. Peter is driving his car to work. It's only a ten minute drive, but sometimes there is traffic at rush hour. Peter turns right on Sixth Street. There are lots of cars. The cars are not moving. Peter must hit the brakes. He is stopped for several minutes. No one is moving. Peter can't go anywhere. There are cars in front of him. There are cars in back of him. He is stuck.

A man on a motorcycle passes Peter's car. The motorcycle can go between the cars. Peter thinks riding a motorcycle is faster than driving. A woman on a bicycle passes Peter's car. Peter thinks riding a bicycle is faster than driving. A man jogging runs by on the sidewalk. Peter thinks jogging is faster than driving. Now a woman walking her dog passes Peter. Now Peter is angry. "This is ridiculous," says Peter. "Even walking a dog is faster than driving."

Finally, the police arrive to help clear the traffic jam. Peter can drive again, but he is thirty minutes late for work. Peter's co-worker asks, "What happened? Did you walk to work today?" Peter answers, "No, I did not. But I will walk to work tomorrow. It's faster than driving."

1. What is rush hour?
2. What does it mean to be "stuck"?
3. Who passes Peter's car while he is stuck in traffic?
4. Why does Peter get angry?
5. Is traffic bad where you live?
6. Is traffic worse or better in your home city?
7. In your home city, are there more bicycles, motorcycles or cars on the roads?

8. What do you drive?
9. Have you taken a driving test in the U.S.? Have you passed your driving test?
10. Did you drive in your home country?

Driving Idioms: Read and explain the meaning of these paragraphs.

1-It will take 4 hours to drive to Dallas. We have to be there by noon. We should get **underway**.

2-I want to leave early on Friday. There will be a lot of weekend traffic. If we leave early, we can **beat the traffic**.

3-I am sorry I'm late. The traffic was **bumper to bumper**. It took me thirty minutes to get here.

4-There was a small traffic accident. No one was hurt. It was just a **fender-bender**. But it **backed up** traffic for miles. We just **inched along**. The police set out **traffic cones** to make the road one lane.

5-I hate it when drivers **tailgate**. If I have to stop suddenly, they will hit me.

6-That car just **ran a red light**. Luckily, he didn't hit anyone.

7-A man in a **pick up truck** almost caused an accident today. He pulled in front of a small car. The small car had to **throw on his brakes**. He almost hit the truck. The driver in the car was mad. He yelled at the driver. He **shook his fist** at him. The pick up driver yelled back. This was real **road rage**. I was afraid there would be a fight.

