

# COLLOCATIONS WITH “DO”

## do + NOUNS

### do (some/any/no) work

*I don't have any work to do today, so I can go out.*

### do (the) housework/house chores

*Doing housework is extremely boring and tiring.*

### do + city/country

*Is it possible to do Oxford in a couple of days? It's small, isn't it?*

### do a (good/great/terrible/terrific) job/task

*James did a great job and was rewarded for it.*

### do a calculation/sum

*I was tired and couldn't even do a simple sum in my head.*

### do a course

*Robert did a first-aid course during the summer.*

### do a deal (more common with «make») / a done deal

*Once they signed those papers, the purchase was a done deal.*

### do a report

*Jennifer did a report covering all the company issues.*

### do a test

*The teacher said we would do a test before the end of the month.*

### do an experiment

*Scientists do all sorts of experiments to prove or refute a theory.*

### do anything/sth./everything

*He's done everything he can to save the dog, but sadly it died.*

### do business

*Our company doesn't do business with foreign companies*

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## **do damage (to sth./sb.)**

*The rumours did a lot of damage to Stu's reputation.*

## **do good**

*Volunteers do a lot of good in deprived neighbourhoods.*

## **do gymnastics**

*Lisa used to do gymnastics when she was a kid.*

## **do homework**

*Rick still had some homework to do.*

## **do laundry**

*We take turns to do the laundry.*

## **do one's best**

*I'll do my best to pass the test.*

## **do research**

*If you want a PhD, you'll have to do extensive research.*

## **do sb. (have sex with sb.)**

*Mike said he did Jane last week, but she says it's not true.*

## **do sb. good**

*Come on, get some fresh air. It'll do you good!*

## **do sb. harm**

*The police were worried that he'd do someone harm.*

## **do sb.'s hair**

*Lauren did Claire's hair for the wedding.*

## **do some/any/no good**

*Comments like that don't do any good, mate.*

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## **do something/nothing/anything**

*You saw me there, on the floor, but did nothing.*

## **do sport/exercise**

*Pete does a lot of exercise to keep in shape.*

## **do the cleaning**

*They'll do the cleaning before we set off tonight.*

## **do the cooking**

*I love to do the cooking at home, but I don't like washing up.*

## **do the crossword**

*My granddad always used to do a crossword on Sundays.*

## **do the dishes/the washing-up**

*Lara did the dishes as soon as she finished her lunch.*

## **do the ironing**

*I can't understand why people do the ironing. I never do!*

## **do the kitchen/house/living room/etc.**

*If you cook, I'll do the kitchen afterwards.*

## **do the laundry/washing**

*Ester usually does the laundry at weekends.*

## **do the math**

*It's not that difficult. Just do the math!*

## **do the maximum**

*Ben's trying to do the maximum to be in good shape for the tournament.*

## **do the minimum**

*The new regulation encouraged them to do the minimum amount of work.*

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### do the paperwork

*The worst thing about getting married is doing all the paperwork.*

### do the right thing

*John did the right thing and told her everything.*

### do the shopping

*Who does the shopping at home, Kenny?*

### do time (in prison) / do one's time (in prison)

*He was convicted and did some time before he met her.*

### do your duty

*Now go and do your duty, for the love of your country and of the President.*

### do your make-up

*You look fantastic! Did you do your own make-up?*

### not do (sb.) any harm / do (sb.) no harm

*Well, trying it won't do you any harm, will it?*

## PHRASES WITH *do*

### (can/cannot) do without sth./sb.

*Nowadays, I can't do without my phone at all times!*

### be done (finished)

*That's all. You're done! Go and celebrate.*

### be done with sth./sb.

*When I was done with the report, I went home.*

### be/have nothing to do with sth./sb.

*Please, leave me alone. It has nothing to do with you.*

### do a lot for sth.

*This NGO does a lot for orphans in Africa.*

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### **do as sb. says**

*Please, do as I say or there will be consequences.*

### **do as you're told**

*Please, do as you are told or there will be consequences.*

### **do better/worse**

*Please, repeat the exercise. You can do better!*

### **do for a living**

*What does he do for a living? Is he a lawyer?*

### **do more harm than good**

*Discussing religion usually does more harm than good.*

### **do nothing for sth./sb.**

*British politics does nothing for young people these days.*

### **do one (go away!)**

*Oh, do one, will you? I've had enough of you.*

### **do or die**

*Once you're in so deep, it's do or die, isn't it?*

### **do sb. a favour / do a favour to sb.**

*Could you do me a favour, please?*

### **do sth. for sb.**

*Who would do all that for someone they didn't love?*

### **do sth. right/wrong**

*It didn't matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't do it right.*

### **do well by sb.**

*Are companies genuinely interested in doing well by their customers?*

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## **do well for oneself**

*Tony did well for himself when he moved to London.*

## **do well to do sth.**

*He would do well to keep quiet in certain situations.*

## **do well/badly**

*His career wasn't doing badly when he had the accident.*

## **do wonders for sth.**

*This cream will do wonders for your dry skin.*

## **dos and don'ts**

*Regina doesn't know about the basic do's and don'ts of social etiquette.*

## **how sb. is doing**

*How's your sister doing? I heard about her accident.*

## **make do**

*When I was a kid, we didn't have a lot of money, but we made do.*

## **that should do it / that'll do**

*Right. That should do it. If it breaks again, just give me a quick call.*