

# Core Verb Collocations: Make, Do, Take, Have, Break, Keep, Catch, Pay

Easy

Medium

A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate

B1 | Intermediate

B2 | Upper Intermediate

Phrasal verb

Present tense

Verb

Collocations

Vocabulary

1. Choose the correct verb to complete what Sarah says about her morning cooking routine.

"I always \_\_\_ breakfast for my family before they wake up because I enjoy preparing healthy meals."

Select one.

- A) do
- B) make
- C) take
- D) have

2. Complete the traveler's diary by choosing ALL the phrases that correctly use "take" and "have."

Yesterday I wanted to...

Select all that apply.

- A) take a photo of the sunset
- B) have a good time at the beach
- C) take a good time at the beach
- D) take a break from walking
- E) have a photo of the sunset
- F) have lunch at a café

3. Select the correct verb to complete the student's complaint.

"I have so much work tonight! I need to \_\_\_ my math homework, \_\_\_ a shower, and then study for tomorrow's test."

Select one.

- A) make, have
- B) do, take
- C) take, do
- D) have, make

4. Fill in the gaps to complete this student's typical day using the most natural verb combinations.

I always try to \_\_\_\_\_ my promises to study every evening. During exam week, I \_\_\_\_\_ trouble sleeping because I'm so nervous. Sometimes I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my routine and do something fun to relax.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) keep
- B) have
- C) break

Blank 2

- A) keep
- B) have
- C) break

Blank 3

- A) keep
- B) have
- C) break

5. Select the correct verb to complete the teacher's instruction.

"Please \_\_\_ attention to this explanation, and try to \_\_\_ the main idea of what I'm saying."

*Select one.*

- A) take, have
- B) make, keep
- C) pay, catch
- D) do, break

6. Complete Sarah's description of her morning office routine by choosing the correct verb for each blank.

Every morning at 10 AM, I \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee break with my colleagues in the kitchen. During our break, we usually \_\_\_\_\_ stories about our weekend activities. It helps us \_\_\_\_\_ connected as a team.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) have
- B) take
- C) make

**Blank 2**

- A) share
- B) tell
- C) give

**Blank 3**

- A) stay
- B) keep
- C) remain

7. Choose the correct verbs to complete Tom's weekend plans.

This weekend I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a good time with friends, \_\_\_\_\_ some photos at the park, and \_\_\_\_\_ plans for next week.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) have
- B) take
- C) make

**Blank 2**

- A) take
- B) have
- C) make

**Blank 3**

- A) have
- B) take
- C) make

8. Complete the business meeting scenario by choosing the correct verb for each professional context.

The CEO will \_\_\_\_\_ a decision about the merger tomorrow. Our team needs to \_\_\_\_\_ our best to prepare the presentation. We should also \_\_\_\_\_ notes during the client meeting.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) make
- B) do
- C) take

**Blank 2**

- A) make
- B) do
- C) take

**Blank 3**

- A) make
- B) do
- C) take

9. Choose the correct verb to complete this conversation about weekend plans.

"I can't \_\_\_\_ a decision about where to go this weekend. Should we \_\_\_\_ a trip to the mountains or stay in the city?"

*Select one.*

- A) do, have
- B) make, take
- C) have, do
- D) break, keep

10. Choose the correct verbs to complete what Sarah says about her busy morning routine.

Every morning I \_\_\_\_\_ my bed, then I \_\_\_\_\_ some exercise, and finally I \_\_\_\_\_ a shower before work.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) make
- B) do
- C) take

**Blank 2**

- A) make
- B) do
- C) take

**Blank 3**

- A) make
- B) do
- C) take

11. Choose the correct verb to complete this advice about friendship.

"If you want to maintain good relationships, you should always \_\_\_\_ your promises and never \_\_\_\_ someone's trust."

*Select one.*

- A) break, keep
- B) make, have
- C) keep, break
- D) take, do

12. Choose the correct verbs to complete the teacher's advice to her students.

You need to \_\_\_\_\_ attention in class, \_\_\_\_\_ an effort with your homework, and \_\_\_\_\_ your best on the final exam.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) pay
- B) make
- C) do

**Blank 2**

- A) pay
- B) make
- C) do

**Blank 3**

- A) pay
- B) make
- C) do

13. Help the traveler complete his journey story by selecting the appropriate verb for each situation.

I had to \_\_\_\_\_ the 8 AM bus to the airport, but first I needed to \_\_\_\_\_ attention to the departure board. At the gate, I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my time because the flight was delayed.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) catch
- B) pay
- C) take

**Blank 2**

- A) catch
- B) pay
- C) take

**Blank 3**

- A) catch
- B) pay
- C) take

**14.** Choose the correct verbs to complete what the tired worker says to his colleague.

I really need to \_\_\_\_\_ a break and \_\_\_\_\_ a rest before the meeting starts.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) take
- B) have

**Blank 2**

- A) have
- B) take

**15.** Choose ALL the situations where someone might correctly use "catch" and "pay."

*Select all that apply.*

- A) catch a bus to work
- B) pay attention in class
- C) catch attention in class
- D) catch a cold in winter
- E) pay a cold in winter
- F) pay the bill at a restaurant

**16.** Choose the correct verbs to complete the student's excuse to her teacher.

I'm sorry I'm late! I had to \_\_\_\_\_ some bad news to my family, then I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ calm, but I almost missed the \_\_\_\_\_ bus to school.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) break
- B) keep
- C) catch

**Blank 2**

- A) break
- B) keep
- C) catch

**Blank 3**

- A) break
- B) keep
- C) catch

17. Help Sarah complete her daily routine checklist by selecting ALL the correct collocations with "make" and "do."

*Select all that apply.*

- A) make breakfast
- B) do breakfast
- C) do homework
- D) make homework
- E) make a decision
- F) do the dishes