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Make, Do, and More: Food & Home Collocations

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1. A TV chef is describing how to prepare a meal. Select ALL the sentences that use correct cooking collocations.

Select all that apply.

A) Peel the potatoes and chop the onions.
B) Spread the potatoes and slice the butter.
C) Grate the cheese and season the meat.
D) Whisk the eggs and preheat the oven.
E) Preheat the salad and toss the oven.

2. It's date night! Your friend is planning a romantic evening. Choose the correct word to complete the collocation.

"I need to ___ a table at that new Italian restaurant."

Select one.

A) order
B) book
C) take
D) do

3. Mia is planning a birthday dinner at a fancy restaurant. Complete her text message to a friend. Choose the best word for each gap.

Hey! I just _____ a table for Saturday night at Luigi's. Let's _____ a bite before the movie starts!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) booked
B) ordered
C) asked
D) bought

Blank 2

A) grab
B) take
C) catch
D) hold

4. Your friend is learning to cook and keeps mixing up common kitchen phrases. Select ALL the collocations that sound natural in English.

Select all that apply.

A) make breakfast
B) do breakfast
C) do the washing-up
D) make the washing-up
E) make a cup of tea

5. Grandma is getting ready for a family lunch. Help complete what she says to her grandchildren. Choose the best word for each gap.

Could you _____ the table, please? And don't forget — Uncle Bob is on a diet, so I'll _____ a salad just for him.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** set
- **B)** put
- **C)** place
- **D)** prepare

Blank 2

- **A)** make
- **B)** do
- **C)** cook
- **D)** fix

6. Choose the correct cooking verb for each gap in Chef Rosa's instructions for her famous pasta sauce.

First, _____ the onions into small pieces. Next, _____ the cheese on top before serving.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** grate
- **B)** chop
- **C)** squeeze

Blank 2

- **A)** chop
- **B)** grate
- **C)** peel

7. Your host family wants to know how helpful you are around the house. Select ALL the phrases that correctly use **make**.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** make the bed
- **B)** make a mess
- **C)** make the hoovering
- **D)** make a snack
- **E)** make the shopping

8. The waiter was amazing — friendly, fast, and he even remembered your allergy! Choose the correct collocation.

"The service was fantastic. We should ___ a generous tip."

Select one.

- **A)** give out
- **B)** pay
- **C)** leave
- **D)** put

9. Choose the correct word for each gap to complete this text about Sam's lunch break.

Sam didn't have much time, so he decided to _____ a quick bite at the café. He looked at the menu and decided to _____ the soup of the day.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** have
- **B)** grab
- **C)** take

Blank 2

- **A)** grab
- **B)** order
- **C)** pick

10. Dinner is almost ready, and Mom needs help. Choose the correct word to complete what she says.

"Could you ___ the table, please? The food will be ready in five minutes!"

Select one.

- **A)** set
- **B)** do
- **C)** make
- **D)** put

11. Help Sam describe his evening routine to his new roommate. Choose the best word for each gap.

Every evening, I _____ dinner for the whole family. After we eat, my sister _____ the table while I _____ the dishes.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** do
- **B)** make
- **C)** cook up
- **D)** take

Blank 2

- **A)** does
- **B)** clears
- **C)** makes
- **D)** takes

Blank 3

- **A)** do
- **B)** wash
- **C)** make
- **D)** clear

12. You're at a restaurant with friends and everyone is trying to sound like a local. Select ALL the phrases that are natural English collocations for dining out.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** book a table
- **B)** catch a table
- **C)** leave a tip
- **D)** put a tip
- **E)** grab a bite to eat

13. It's Saturday morning — chore time! Complete the family's to-do list by choosing the best word for each gap.

Dad: I'll _____ the laundry.
Mum: I need to _____ the clothes before we go out.
Tom: Fine, I'll _____ the carpet in the living room.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** iron
- **B)** press
- **C)** flatten
- **D)** smooth

Blank 3

- **A)** vacuum
- **B)** sweep
- **C)** dust
- **D)** brush

14. Grandma is sharing her secret cookie recipe. Choose the correct collocation to complete what she says.

"First, you need to ___ a recipe. I'll give you my favorite one!"

Select one.

- **A)** make
- **B)** follow
- **C)** go
- **D)** do

15. Choose the correct word for each gap to complete this couple's dinner-out adventure.

We decided to _____ a table at the new Italian place. After dessert, Tom asked the waiter to _____ a tip on the table.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** make
- **B)** book
- **C)** leave

Blank 2

- **A)** reserve
- **B)** leave
- **C)** book

16. It's Sunday — chore day! Choose the correct word to complete this common household collocation.

"I really need to ___ the laundry. I'm running out of clean socks!"

Select one.

- **A)** make
- **B)** wash
- **C)** do
- **D)** run

17. Jake and Lily had a wonderful dinner at a new restaurant. Complete their conversation by choosing the best word for each gap.

Jake: That was amazing! Are you ready to _____ for the bill?
Lily: Sure. The waiter was so friendly — let's _____ a generous tip!
Jake: Agreed. Next time, let's _____ the seafood menu.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** ask
- **B)** call
- **C)** order
- **D)** demand

Blank 2

- **A)** leave
- **B)** give
- **C)** put
- **D)** pay

Blank 3

- **A)** try
- **B)** taste
- **C)** eat
- **D)** sample

18. After a delicious family meal, someone has to clean up. Choose the correct collocation to complete the sentence.

"You cooked, so I'll ___ the dishes."

Select one.

- **A)** do
- **B)** make
- **C)** run
- **D)** take

19. Chef Marco is teaching a beginner's cooking class. Complete his instructions by choosing the best word for each gap.

First, _____ the potatoes and _____ the onions into small pieces. Then _____ the sauce gently so it doesn't burn.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** peel
- **B)** cut
- **C)** remove
- **D)** strip

Blank 2

- **A)** chop
- **B)** break
- **C)** cut up
- **D)** rip

Blank 3

- **A)** stir
- **B)** shake
- **C)** turn
- **D)** spin

20. Choose the correct verb for each gap to help little Tomás with his chores before the family dinner party.

Mum asked me to _____ the table for six people. After that, she told me to _____ my bed because Grandma was coming to see my room!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** do
- **B)** lay
- **C)** clear

Blank 2

- **A)** lay
- **B)** make
- **C)** do

21. Your roommate just texted: "I'm starving! " Help them finish their message by choosing the correct collocation.

Don't worry — I'll ___ dinner tonight!

Select one.

- **A)** do
- **B)** make
- **C)** cook up
- **D)** prepare up

22. Choose the correct word for each gap to help Marta describe her Saturday cleaning spree.

First, I _____ the table after lunch. Then I _____ the ironing while listening to music.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** set
- **B)** clear
- **C)** lay

Blank 2

- **A)** make
- **B)** do
- **C)** lay

23. It's Saturday morning and your flatmate left you a to-do list. Select ALL the chores that correctly use **do**.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** do the laundry
- **B)** do the bed
- **C)** do the ironing
- **D)** do the dishes
- **E)** do dinner

24. Choose the correct verb for each gap to complete what Jamie says about his morning routine in the kitchen.

Every morning, I _____ the dishes from last night, then I _____ breakfast for the whole family.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** make
- **B)** do
- **C)** set

Blank 2

- **A)** do
- **B)** make
- **C)** clear

25. Dinner is over and it's time to pay! Select ALL the natural English collocations related to finishing a meal at a restaurant.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** ask for the bill
- **B)** demand the bill
- **C)** split the bill
- **D)** pick up the bill
- **E)** catch the bill