“Make” Phrasal Verbs - Definitions

make up: to reconcile; when two people forgive each other after a fight or disagreement

- John and his wife had a big argument last night, but they eventually made up.
- You and Jessica need to make up. You shouldn’t let one argument ruin your friendship!

make (x) up: to invent a story, to use your imagination to say something that isn’t true or real

- My daughter likes to make up stories about her invisible friend.

make out: when two people kiss for a long time

- The two students got caught making out in the janitor’s closet at school.

make (x) out: to be able to see something clearly

- This newspaper is too old. I can’t even make out what the headline says.
- This student’s writing is too small. Can you make this word out?

make do (with): to accept or use something that is not what you really want, because you can’t have the thing that you really want; to accept what you have, because it’s good enough

- I don’t have any more pens. You’ll have to make do with a pencil.
- My father lost his job last week. I guess we’ll just have to make do with less this Christmas.

make (A) into (B): to change one thing (A) into another thing (B)

- I can’t believe you made that old log into such a beautiful guitar!

make over (noun or verb): To change or improve one’s appearance

- Julia went to the salon and got a complete makeover. I barely recognized her!
- On this TV show, they make over housewives to look like models!

make off (with): to steal and get away; to escape with something stolen

- The bank robber made off with over one million dollars!
“Make” Phrasal Verbs - Worksheet

*Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these “make” phrasal verbs.*

1. Mark: I wish we lived in a bigger house!
   
   Mom: Well, Mark. We can’t afford a bigger house right now. We’ll just have to _______________ with the house we have.

2. Sarah and her boyfriend sat in the back of the movie theater and _______________ during the whole movie. They wasted their money on a movie ticket, because they didn’t even see the movie!

3. Ever since Anne had a baby, she hasn’t had time to buy clothes or worry about her appearance. So I’m going to get her a _______________ for her birthday!

4. That’s it! You two have been fighting long enough! I want you both to sit in this room, and you can’t come out until you’ve _______________.

5. Dad: Why don’t you want to throw away that old shirt?
   
   Jake: I’m going to cut off the sleeves and _______________ a tank top so I can wear it this summer!

6. Bernie Madoff was sent to jail, but not before he _______________ millions of dollars and caused many people to lose their life savings.

7. An international team of archaeologists is working to _______________ the words on the recently discovered stone tablet from Egypt.

8. Bill: John said that his parents are going to give him a new car!
   
   Brian: Don’t listen to him. He’s always ________ things ________. You can’t believe anything he says.