

# **"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 imaginary friends.*
  - *My son enjoys it when I make stories up and tell them to him at bedtime.*
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**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?*
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**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.*
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**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!*
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**make over (verb) / makeover (noun):** 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!*
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**make off (with):** to steal and get away; to escape with something stolen

- *The bank robber made off with over one million dollars!*
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## **"Make" Phrasal Verbs: Review**

*Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these "make" phrasal verbs.  
Look on the previous page if you need help remembering these 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 watch 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 \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ 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.