

COLLOCATIONS WITH MAKE

B2 | Adults | Vocabulary + Discussion | 45-60 minutes
Topic: Everyday English | Skills: Vocabulary, Speaking

Study the phrases and examples. Discuss the questions and try to use the new language.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

1. make an effort to	try hard to do something	We made an effort to include the quieter members.
2. make progress	improve or move towards a goal	She's making progress, although the results are not obvious yet.
3. make a difference	have an important effect on a situation	Flexible hours made a difference to our daily lives.
4. make a good impression	cause someone to form a positive opinion of you	He made a good impression by asking thoughtful questions.
5. make an excuse	give a reason to explain or avoid doing something	She made an excuse because she did not want to attend.
6. make a point	express an idea or argument	You made a useful point about the hidden costs.
7. make a commitment to	promise to do something or support a goal	The company made a commitment to reduce unnecessary packaging.
8. make an exception	allow a rule not to apply in a particular case	The manager made an exception because the situation was unusual.

DISCUSSION

1. How can a group make an effort to include someone who feels left out?
2. How do you know you are making progress when there is no test or score?
3. What small change could make a difference to your neighbourhood?
4. How can someone make a good impression without pretending to be different?
5. Is it ever kinder to make an excuse than to give your real reason? Explain.
6. How can you make a point effectively when other people keep interrupting?
7. What should you consider before you make a long-term commitment?
8. When should a school or workplace make an exception to one of its rules?