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Keep your distance.



*Our love will **last** forever.*



*Janet and Paul are **holding** hands.*

HALTEN

HOLD • KEEP • LAST

■ HOLD ▶ a. körperlich (in der Hand) festhalten

hold a pen/box/book/hand • Can you hold this bag for me? • I held the door open for Carol.

b. in vielen idiomatischen Ausdrücken

die Stellung halten – hold the fort • einen Rekord/die Führung halten – hold a record/the lead
den Mund halten – hold one's tongue • den Atem anhalten – hold one's breath
gefangen halten – hold someone prisoner • als Geisel halten – hold someone hostage

■ KEEP ▶ a. in einem bestimmten Zustand (er-)halten

keep clean/warm/fit/fresh/amused/young • Butter keeps better if you put it in the fridge.

b. beibehalten, sich an etwas halten

keep a promise/one's word/a treaty/discipline/an appointment
Balance halten – keep one's balance • Abstand halten – keep one's distance
etwas geheim/getrennt halten – keep sth secret/separate • Halt dich da raus! – Keep out of this!

c. Tiere halten

keep a dog/cat/chickens/cows/horses/bees

■ LAST ▶ sich halten, durchhalten, in einem Zustand bleiben

I hope the sunshine will last.

Never buy a cheap household gadget, always buy something that is going to last.

The two brothers are really very nice to each other, but I'm afraid this is too good to last.

eine Konferenz abhalten – hold a conference

sich an das Gesetz halten – keep/stick to the law

sich rechts/links halten – keep to the right/left

Ich halte nicht viel von Jo – I don't think much of Jo

Hält dieser Bus in Rye? – Does this bus stop in Rye?

eine Rede halten – make (give) a speech

einen Strafstoß halten – save a penalty

sich an die Tatsachen halten – stick to the facts

Wofür hältst du mich? – Who do you take me for?

Es hält dich niemand – There's nobody stopping you

HEILEN

HEAL ▶ von selbst heilen, verheilen (auch im übertragenen Sinn)

Will the rift between Josh and Mary heal? • I cut my finger, but it healed very quickly.

heal im Sinn von „gesund machen“ klingt formell, poetisch oder altertümlich: Jesus healed the sick.

■ CURE ▶ jmdn. heilen (oft im Passiv), eine Krankheit heilen; auch: jmdn. von etwas befreien

The patient was cured of his disease. • Will we ever be able to cure cancer? • This is just a painkiller, it won't cure your ulcer. • I hope the psychologist will cure me of my impatience. Prevention is better than cure.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Vervollständige die Sätze mit den Ausdrücken der Box

keep away from	hold the fort	keep back	hold someone responsible
keep up	keep in touch	keep up with	hold one's breath

1. Schritt halten mit Don't walk so fast. I can't _____ you.
2. (sich) fernhalten von As a diabetic Zeta must _____ cakes and sweet drinks.
3. zurückhalten The police sealed off the road to _____ the crowds.
4. aufrecht erhalten All pupils have done very well, I hope they'll _____ the good work.
5. (den) Kontakt halten It would be nice to see you again, let's _____.
6. die Stellung halten I won't be back at the office before two, can you _____ for me?
7. den Atem anhalten Dan was _____ as he opened the letter with his exam results.
8. verantwortlich halten I _____ Rick's parents for their son's behaviour.



HALTEN

1. The battery in my phone will _____ for three days.
2. As long as I can _____ a golf club, I'll play. Golf _____ me fit.
3. If you take care of your bicycle it will _____ a very long time.
4. In his later days Sherlock Holmes lived in the country and _____ bees.
5. Mia _____ the baby in her arm to _____ it warm.
6. You must _____ your promises, or our friendship will not _____.
7. Could you _____ these bags while I open the door?
8. Our car is making that noise again. I don't think it will _____ much longer.

HEILEN

9. There's been too much conflict in our party, now is the time to _____ the wounds.
10. Doctors claim this new drug will be able to _____ heart disease.
11. A doctor _____ me of cancer, the wounds from the operation _____ quickly.



Life is like a cup of tea It's how you **make** it!

Irish Proverb



MACHEN

MAKE • DO

- **MAKE** ▶
 - a. machen im Sinn von herstellen, (er-)schaffen, hervorbringen
 - make bread / coffee / cars / furniture / shoes • make laws / noise / a mess
 - b. eine bestimmte Handlung ausführen
 - make a promise / an exception / a decision / a speech / a choice / plans • make the bed /
 - c. verursachen: in einen bestimmten Zustand bringen / eine Reaktion auslösen
 - make someone happy / sad • make something longer • make someone laugh / cry / thirsty
- **DO** ▶
 - a. die Tätigkeit, das „Tun“, das Ausüben einer Handlung oder einer Aufgabe stehen im Vordergrund
 - do one's job / homework / duty • a crossword • do-it-yourself • do business with someone
 - b. to do wird oft für die Ausführung von (Routine-)Arbeiten im Haushalt verwendet
 - do the cooking / cleaning / shopping / ironing / the dishes / the laundry
 - aber: to make the bed • do your hair / make-up / nails

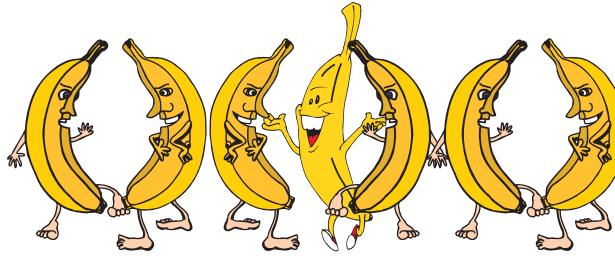
Bitte beachten: **MAKE** und **DO** sind oft in feststehende Ausdrücke eingebettet.
Es ist sinnvoll, sich diese Ausdrücke stets in ihrer Gesamtheit einzuprägen.

MAKE A START and DO THE RIGHT THING



COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF **MAKE** AND **DO**

1. I'm very sorry, but there is nothing I can _____ to help you.
2. Don't just stand there. _____ something!
3. Why don't you sit down? I'll _____ you a cup of tea.
4. What are you _____ for Christmas? – I haven't _____ any plans yet.
5. You can't _____ a mistake if you _____ it this way.
6. The police don't _____ the laws, they merely _____ their best to enforce them.
7. Our local carpenter has _____ this beautiful table.
8. I love Dan, he _____ everything for me and he _____ me laugh.
9. It really _____ me sad to see that you still _____ so many mistakes.



DON'T GO BANANAS

WERDEN

BECOME • GET • GO • TURN

BECOME ▶ das allgemeine Wort für Veränderung (eher formal)

What has become of him? • I became nervous and suspicious when I saw that man Angela Merkel became Germany's first female chancellor in 2005. • Al has just become a father.

GET ▶ drückt einen eher allmählichen u. kontinuierlichen Veränderungsprozess aus; oft in der Verlaufsform

I'm getting hungry. • The weather is getting colder. • You'll soon get used to this job. My feet are getting cold. • It's getting dark outside.

GO ▶ betont einen (oft negativen) Endzustand, der sich erheblich vom Anfangsstadium unterscheidet

Go bananas – verrückt werden /ausflippen • Fish goes bad in hot weather.

TURN ▶ für relativ schnelle und tiefgreifende Veränderungen (besonders bei Farben oder Wetter)

Leo's hair turned grey overnight. • The weather has turned cold. • Di turns twenty in May.

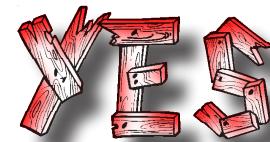
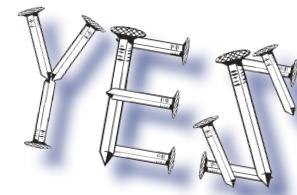
Bei GET und GO ist es sinnvoll, sich stets die zusammenhängenden idiomatischen Ausdrücke einzuprägen:

- GET** ▶ angry • better • bored • cold • dark • drunk • excited • fat • hungry • impatient
late • old • rich • sick • tired • warm • weak • wet • worse
Myra gets bored quickly. • It's getting late, let's go home. • TV programmes are getting worse.
- GO** ▶ bad • bald • blind • cold • crazy • deaf • mad • pale • red • wild • senile
The crowd went wild. • Poor Tim is going deaf. • The child went pale with fear.



COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. The train was late and the passengers _____ impatient.
2. The kids _____ wet in the rain and _____ angry with Mum for not taking an umbrella.
3. Terry's face _____ red with anger and then he really _____ bananas.
4. The weather _____ better with each passing day.
5. Don't you think Greg _____ a bit fat?
6. Elizabeth _____ Queen in 1952 and _____ into a popular monarch.
7. Superstar Madonna _____ famous with 'Like a Virgin'.
8. In autumn the leaves _____ yellow.
9. What will _____ of the victims of the hurricane?
10. The man seemed quite friendly at first but then suddenly _____ nasty.
11. We _____ mad at Jo's delivery service because we _____ sick after eating his pizza.
12. Poor Felipe is going _____ and will _____ an invalid in the end.



It's not what you say . . .

IT'S HOW YOU SAY IT

English is very rich in verbs that can be used as an alternative to 'said' after direct speech; they make the report on what was said more lively, colourful and interesting and are therefore valuable tools for novelists, journalists and everybody who wants to write good English.



COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH APPROPRIATE VERBS FROM THE BOX

A	<input type="radio"/> asked	<input checked="" type="radio"/> apologised	<input type="radio"/> complained	<input type="radio"/> shivered	<input type="radio"/> shouted	<input type="radio"/> vowed
B	<input type="radio"/> admitted	<input type="radio"/> concluded	<input type="radio"/> decided	<input type="radio"/> exclaimed	<input type="radio"/> warned	<input type="radio"/> whispered

- A 1. 'Oh, I'm very sorry,' Tom _____.
2. 'Where did you buy that nice car?' my friend _____.
3. 'Brrrr! It's cold in here!' Chil Blaine _____.
4. 'Hey, you! Get out of my garden,' the man _____.
5. 'I will always love you,' the husband _____.
6. 'This music is much too loud,' the neighbours _____.
- B 7. 'This man was poisoned,' Sherlock Holmes _____.
8. 'It was me who broke that cup,' Sabrina _____.
9. 'Pssst! Don't wake up the baby,' she _____.
10. 'Don't touch that cat. It will scratch you,' Melissa _____.
11. 'Right then, I will take the green sofa,' Mr. Smith _____.
12. 'Good Heavens, a genuine Rubens painting,' the art collector _____.



An onion can make people cry, but what we really need is a vegetable . . .

. . . that can make people laugh.

Oprah Winfrey

DO A GOOD JOB

Viele Verben sind in feststehende Ausdrücke eingebunden und nicht separat zu „übersetzen“.

So werden z.B. identische Verben deutscher Ausdrücke im Englischen durch völlig verschiedene Verben vertreten.

drive	■ jemanden zum Lachen bringen ➤	someone laugh
take	■ jemanden zur Verzweiflung bringen ➤	someone to despair
make	■ jemanden nach Hause bringen ➤	someone home
.....		
see	■ (vor Wut) an die Decke gehen ➤	the ceiling
hit	■ zum Arzt gehen ➤	a doctor
go	■ in die Brüche gehen ➤	to pieces
.....		
come	■ in die Kritik geraten ➤	under criticism
get	■ in Vergessenheit geraten ➤	into oblivion
fall	■ außer Kontrolle geraten ➤	out of control
.....		
take	■ nach etwas greifen ➤	for something
dig	■ zu den Waffen greifen ➤	up arms
reach	■ tief in die Tasche greifen ➤	deep into your pocket
.....		
give	■ Widerstand leisten ➤	up resistance
put	■ gute Arbeit leisten ➤	a good job
do	■ erste Hilfe leisten ➤	first aid

GEBEN - HABEN

1. I'll **give** you fifty pounds ... if you **hand** it over now.
2. Dad **gave/handed** us ... we **passed** it round.
3. Can you **give/hand** me that book, please?
4. Could you **pass** me the butter, please?
5. Let's **go to** the park. It isn't far so we can **walk** there.
6. At what age do babies learn to **walk**?
.....
7. If you don't want to **walk** we can **go** there in my car.
8. George **goes to** church every Sunday.
9. The runner **gained** speed ... and **won** the race
10. Nothing ventured, nothing **gained**.
11. The Euro ... **gained** ground.
12. If I **win** ... I'll be rich and **gain** access ...

1. Sorry, but I'm **in a hurry**.
2. Dan **is frightened** because he **is in pain**.
3. **Are you hungry?** No, but I'm **thirsty**.
4. **Be patient** and you **will be successful**!
5. **We were lucky** with the weather.
.....
6. Eric **was hopping mad**.
7. Ann **is always in a good mood**.
8. You **are right**.
9. Elon Musk **was successful** with his Tesla.
10. Greta **is on duty** today, but Moira **is on holiday**.



HALTEN - HEILEN

1. I can't **keep up with** you.
2. Zeta must **keep away from** cakes and sweet drinks.
3. ... to **keep back** the crowds.
4. I hope they'll **keep up** the good work.
.....
5. ... let's **keep in touch**.
6. ... can you **hold the fort** for me?
7. Dan **was holding his breath** ...
8. I **hold** Rick's parents **responsible** ...
.....
9. Could you **hold** these bags while I open the door?
10. I don't think it **will last** much longer.
11. ... now is the time to **heal** the wounds.
12. ... will be able to **cure** heart disease.
13. ... **cured** me of cancer ... wounds **healed** quickly.
14. ... **keep** your promises, or our friendship will not **last**.

HÖREN - KONTOLIEREN

1. ... don't **hear** very well, but ... like to **listen** to music.
2. He **listened** but couldn't **hear** anything.
3. ... she wasn't **listening**!
4. I can **hear** music ... let's go and **listen** to it.
5. The U.S. tried to **isolate** North Korea.
6. It's often impossible to **isolate** a single factor ...
7. We **insulated** the roof.
8. Mr Jones **met** his wife at a science seminar.
9. When I first **met** Ben ... I **got to know** him better.
10. ... how to **cook**, he can't even **boil** an egg.
11. ... he will have to **cook** his dinner himself.
.....
12. His behaviour makes my blood **boil**.
13. ... when you **cook** a vegetarian dish.
14. Why don't you **come** round for a cup of coffee ...
15. If winter **comes**, can spring be far behind? (Proverb)
16. The train only **got** as far as the next station.
17. Do these eggs **go** in the fridge or in the cupboard?
18. ... **controls** the gates and **checks** the identity ...
19. It's part of a teacher's job to **control** the pupils.
20. I always **check** that I've locked ...
21. ... to **control** the demonstration.
22. An immigration officer **checked** my passport.