



Confusing verbs



Make

creation of a **physical object**, an **action/reaction**, a **sound/speech** or **food**

"My dad likes to **make** furniture."

Do

jobs or **activities**, with "anything" or "something", also indicates **generic action**

"I need to **do** housework."



Refuse

to **decline** to **accept/give**; **unwillingness**

"I **refuse** to argue."



Deny

declaring **untruth**, **disagreement**, to **withhold** or **disown something**, to **reject** or **contradict**.

"Most **deny** that the sky is orange."



Say

a **verb** usually used without an object
With an object + "to"

no object

"She knew what **to say** to her sister."



Tell

informs or **instructs**

"Tell your brother to **make** his bed."



Stay

In most cases, these words are **interchangeable**.

Remain

Both words have also developed unique idiomatic uses.

"Don't **stay** out late."

away from home

"Though the team lost, fans **remain** loyal."

continue in spite of



Sit

"Most prefer to **sit** when they eat."

a verb



Seat

"Please find a **seat**."

a verb and a noun



Seated

"Please wait to be **seated**."

a verb



Shall

"We **shall** take a walk."

1st person



I



We

Traditionally

Will

"He **will** go home when the movie is over."

2nd person

3rd person



You, He



She



They



It

"He **shall** do the dishes before he plays video games."

"I just bought a new dress; I **will** go to that dance if I have to crawl there."

To emphasize conviction

Will

Shall



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