

Let or Make

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Make and Let

They are both followed by the base form of the verb, so they look similar but have very different meanings.

Make me do it, or let me do it?





Let

'Let' can mean 'allow' or 'give permission'


- David's mother **let** him use her car.
- Our boss **let** us leave early.
- The teacher **lets** us listen to music in class.
- This student card **lets** you book discount flights.





Let

Let's + infinitive is often used to make a suggestion

- **Let's** go to the cinema tonight.
 - **Let's** get some coffee.
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Make

'Make' can mean 'force someone to do something that he or she doesn't want to do'

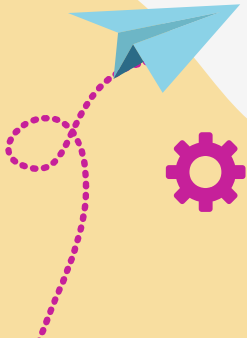
- His mother **made** him clean his room.
- The teacher **made** us study very hard.
- The manager **made** us do extra work.



Make

It can also be used to mean 'cause someone to do something

- That film **made** me cry.
- My brother often **makes** me laugh.

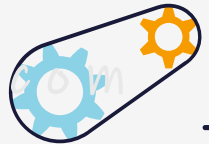


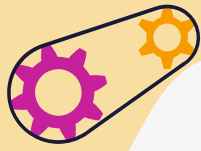


Choosing 'let' or 'make'

Remember, we use 'let' when we mean 'allow'.
It's usually something the person wants to do

We use 'make' when we mean 'force' or 'cause'. It's
often something the person doesn't want to do





Example

- My boss **let** me leave early
- My boss **made** me stay late
- My boss **made** me laugh

(allow)

(I don't want to stay)

(cause)



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