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дéлать

to do

Делать первый шаг всегда сложно. Taking the first step is always difficult.

Что ты будешь делать в воскресенье? What will you do on Sunday?

	Present
Я	де́лаю
ТЫ	де́лаешь
ОН	де́лает
МЫ	де́лаем
ВЫ	де́лаете
ОНИ	де́лают

Я всегда делаю домашнее задание. I always do my homework.

Что ты делаешь? What are you doing?

Он делает успехи. He is making progress.

Мы всё делаем правильно. We do everything right.

Вы делаете сумки? Do you make bags?

Они делают много ошибок. They make a lot of mistakes.

	Past
M.	де́лал
F.	де́лала
NT.	де́лало
PL.	де́лали

Что он делал в саду утром? What was he doing in the garden in the morning?

Ты всегда делала правильный выбор. You have always made the right choice.

Дети делали её счастливой. The children made her happy.

	I MPERATIVE
ТЫ	де́лай
ВЫ	де́лайте

Делай, что хочешь. Do whatever you want. Не делайте так больше. Do not do this anymore.

		PARTICIPLES		
ACT.	PRES.	де́лающий		
A	PAST	де́лавший		
SS.	PRES.	де́лаемый		
PASS.	PAST	де́ланный/де́лан		

Это человек, делающий подарки от всей души. This is a man who gives gifts from the heart.

Почему вы не приняли деланные вам ранее предложения? Why didn't you accept the offers that were made to you earlier?

	Adverbs		
PRESENT	де́лая		
PAST	(де́лав)		

де́лание

Она продолжала резать овощи, делая вид, что не слышит меня. She kept cutting the vegetables, pretending not to hear me.

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In the present tense table, **oH** represents all thirdperson singular pronouns (**oH**, **oHA**, **oHO**).

Collocations and Idioms

делать акцент/упор на (+ acc.) emphasize, focus on делать вид pretend that..., act like делать выбор make a decision делать вывод, что... come to the conclusion that... делать добро do good (deeds) делать замечание make a comment делать зарядку do calisthenics делать из мухи слона make mountains out of molehills (lit. make an elephant out of a fly) делать ошибку make a mistake

VERBAL NOUN

делать на совесть do well/
conscientiously; make to last
делать подарок give a present
делать предложение make an
offer; propose (marriage, etc.)
делать ставку на (+ acc.) bet, wager
делать упражнение do an
(academic or physical) exercise
делать уроки do homework, study
делать шаг take a step

Надо **сделать** так, чтобы он пришёл к нам на ужин. We should have him come over for dinner.



Зачем ты сделал это? Why did you do that?
Ты сделала свой выбор. You've made your choice.
Мы не сделали ничего плохого. We did not do anything wrong.

	PAST
M.	сде́лал
F.	сде́лала
NT.	сде́лало
PL.	сде́лали

Я сделаю твой телефон через пару часов. I will fix your phone in a couple of hours.

Когда ты **сделаешь** Анне предложение? When will you propose to Anna?

Иван всё сделает завтра. Ivan will do everything tomorrow.

Вы сделаете так, как мы говорим. You will do as we say.

	FUTURE			
Я	сде́лаю			
ТЫ	сде́лаешь			
ОН	сде́лает			
МЫ	сде́лаем			
ВЫ	сде́лаете			
ОНИ	сделают			

Сделай то, что они просят. Do whatever they ask.

Человек, **сделавший** это, будет наказан. The man who did this will be punished.

Мне не нравится посуда, сделанная из дерева. *I do not like wooden dishes* (lit. that are made of wood)

Сделав всё необходимое в городе, мы поехали домой. Having done all that was necessary in the city, we went home.

	I MPERATIVE
ТЫ	сде́лай
ВЫ	сде́лайте
	PAST PARTICIPLES
ACTIVE	сде́лавший
PASSIVE	сде́ланный/сде́лан
	Adverbs
PAST	сде́лав

Proverbs and Expressions

Одна ласточка весны не делает. *Don't jump to conclusions.* (lit. One swallow does not make a spring.)

Сделал дело — гуляй смело. Business before pleasure. (lit. Once you are done with your task, you can boldly go for walk).

Глаза боятся, а руки делают. All things are difficult before they are easy. (lit. What the eyes fear, the hands do).

Synonyms

выполнять perform производить produce ремонтировать fix совершать make создавать create чинить fix

Derivative Verbs

отделываться/отделаться от (+ gen.) get away from, dodge уделывать/уделать (perf.) make dirty; outdo приделывать/приделать к (+ dat.) to attach, fix, fasten наделать make a lot of (pancakes, toys); do (something) wrong доделывать/доделать finish, complete

Using This Book

Essential Russian Verbs contains some of the most frequent and most practical verbs based on data from the Russian National Corpus. This book contains 15 pairs of verbs essential for everyday communication. Each verb pair is numbered and arranged on a two-page layout, with the imperfective aspect shown in a blue table and its perfective equivalent shown in a red table.

We have presented verb forms with accent marks in the tables but not in the example sentences. We suggest that you listen to the accompanying audio and mark stressed syllables in the example sentences, where needed, as an additional exercise.

Example sentences appear next to the tables. Under the tables, we can find collocations and idioms, proverbs and expressions, synonyms, and derivative verbs. These make use of extra space under each table and do not necessarily correspond to the imperfective or perfective aspect of the verbs in the table on that page. The synonyms are other verbs which could be used in certain contexts and meanings instead of the featured verb. Derivative verbs are verbs derived from the featured verbs but with prefixes which change their meanings.

On the audio tracks, you will hear the past tense forms preceded by он, она, оно, and они. These are meant to help show the gender of the forms. Of course, past tense forms in Russian can be preceded by other pronouns or nouns.

An explanation of the correct usage of the various tenses and aspects of Russian verbs is complex and beyond the scope of this book. If you are following a language course, you will be introduced to these concepts gradually. But we also encourage you to study the example sentences and notice the verb tenses and forms used in English, which will help you to develop a sense for correct usage.

We hope you enjoy the book and find it useful in your Russian studies. Be sure to join the Lingualism Russian mailing list in order to access the accompanying audio and be notified of future publications.

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Abbreviations and Symbols

acc.	accusative	gen.	genitive	pass.	passive	
act.	active	instr.	instrumental	pl.	plural	
dat.	dative	m.	masculine	pres.	present	
f.	feminine	nt.	neuter			

- The form does not exist or may exist in theory but is never really used in modern Russian.
- () The form is very rare. You may hear it, but it is advised not to use it.
- / The passive past participles of perfective verbs have two common forms: long and short. The short form is shown after /.

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