“Making Do” (With What You Have)

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If you want to make progress without wasting your time
Make a list of expressions that do tend to rhyme
It won't make much difference if you make a mistake
Just make an announcement: "I've made biscuits and cake!"

Make a trip to some country to meet people like us
Make an effort to smile, and don't make a fuss
Say you love making plans, appointments and such
Making breakfast or dinner doesn't bother you much

And if the words that you hear don't make any sense
Make an effort to answer and do not feel tense
Make lists of exceptions; give your partner a test,
Inventing "Review Sheets" is what you like best

But if you made a bet about what could be right
You'd not make a fortune; I'd pity your plight*
'Cause the rules, they were made a long time ago
So make peace with this language wherever you go

Postscript
They're doing a show, they're making such noise
It must be my neighbors, those young college boys
So I'll make a stop here since it's late in the night
You'll have to do better and keep up the fight*!

Vocabulary:
make do: do the best you can with what you have; plight: destiny
fight (here): the battle or struggle to speak English better and better
Assignment:

Learn this poem by heart and be able to recite it to your partner. Complete the table on the next page by putting in “make” or “do.”

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In the poem find two examples of the use of “do” followed by a noun (not “do” as the auxiliary of a verb) and twenty examples of the use of “make.” The first letter has been given to help you.

1. do a s______________
2. do b______________
3. make a b______________
4. make a f______________
5. make a f______________
6. make a l______________
7. make a m______________
8. make a p______________
9. make a s______________
10. make a t______________
11. make an a______________
12. make an a______________
13. make an e______________
14. make b______________
15. make b______________
16. make d______________
17. make m______________
18. make n______________
19. make p______________
20. make p______________
21. make s______________
22. make the r______________

Make up (invent) some sentences from the expressions above. Make them as personal as possible and use as many of the expressions as possible.

1. _______________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________