Making the Most of the Verbs “Make” and “Do”!

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(Be sure to stress the words or syllables in bold.)

At school, I do German and even Chinese
I’ll do your hair if you just say “Please”!
I’ll do business with people, who are honest and kind
I’ll do a translation if the words I can find

I’ll do more gymnastics if I want to lose weight
But I’ll never do drugs, ’cos it’s something I hate
I’d rather do favors when politely you ask
Doing physics, for instance, is not a great task

I’ll do engineering if the job’s well paid
I’ll do an internship if an agreement is made
Or do nothing but sit here till evening does come
Making lists of people who want to have fun

How do you do? I think we have met.
Doing 200 miles is a record you set!
I can’t do without the clothes that you brought
But you’ll do away with those fish that you caught!

I know that my lines don’t seem to make sense
That learning by heart can make students tense
I’m just doing my work as a teacher who tries
To make her students progress ‘til the day that she dies!

Vocabulary:
internship (a training period): work without regular pay or permanent position
‘cos (short for “because”) do without: continue without needing something.

Assignment: Learn the poem above by heart and be ready to recite it to your partner.

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Add “make” or “do” by consulting the poem. When you have completed your work, test your partner.

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

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