As a general purpose verb, do can refer to almost any kind of activity.

- What are you doing in the evening?
- Don’t waste time. Do something.
- Who will do the dishes?
- All I did was to give him a little push.

Do is used in cases where it is not necessary to use more precise action words.

**Do for indefinite activities**

We use do when we do not say exactly what activity we are talking about. Do, for example, is commonly used with words like thing, something, nothing, anything, everything and what.

- What did you do then?
- I like doing nothing.
- What he did was a really strange thing.
- Why don’t you do something?

Do can be used to talk about work and jobs.

- I have finished the phone calls; now I am going to do the letters.
- Who will do the shopping tomorrow?
- He hasn’t done his homework.

Do can be followed by an -ing form to talk about activities that are repeated.

- I did a lot of swimming during the holidays.
- He does a lot of reading.

**Common fixed expressions with do.**

- Do good
- Do harm
- Do business
- Do one’s best
- Do a favor
- Do sport
- Do exercise

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Do as a general-purpose verb

- Do one’s hair
- Do one’s teeth
- Do one’s duty