

do: emphatic auxiliary *You do look nice.*

Emotive emphasis: we can use **do** to make an expression **sound stronger**. **Do be** is possible in imperatives.
You do look nice today! *I did enjoy our talk.* **Do sit down.** **Do be careful.**

1 Complete the sentences with expressions from the box, and make them more emphatic by using **do/does/did**.

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| a lot | early tonight | cooking | disturbing you | ill ✓ | John my love | the party |
| with you | hairstyle | | | | | |

- ▶ I feel *I do feel ill.*
- 1 I agree
- 2 I apologise for
- 3 I hate
- 4 Peter enjoyed
- 5 Alice talks
- 6 Be home
- 7 Give
- 8 I like your

Contrastive emphasis: we can use **do** to show a **contrast** – between false and true, appearance and reality, or a general statement and an exception.

She thinks I don't love her, but I do love her.
It looks easy, but it does need quite a bit of practice.
There wasn't much time for shopping, but I did buy a couple of shirts.

We can also use **do** to compare what is **expected** with what actually happens.
I said I was going to win, and I did win.

2 These sentences and conversations have the wrong ends. Sort them out, and add **do/does/did** to express contrast.

- ▶ I've forgotten her name, but I know something about life.
I've forgotten her name, but I do remember it began with a B.
- 1 I'll be ready in a minute, ~~but I remember it began with a B.~~
- 2 'You don't love me.' They said eight o'clock, didn't they?
- 3 I may not be educated, 'I love you.'
- 4 She doesn't really like sport, she gave me her phone number.
- 5 Although she didn't say much, but I iron my own trousers.
- 6 I'm not sure she'll be there, but I have to make a phone call.
- 7 My wife does the housework, and she had a broken finger.
- 8 I made her go to the doctor's, but if you see her give her my love.
- 9 It's a small house, but she plays a bit of tennis sometimes.
- 10 There's nobody at home. but it has a nice big kitchen.