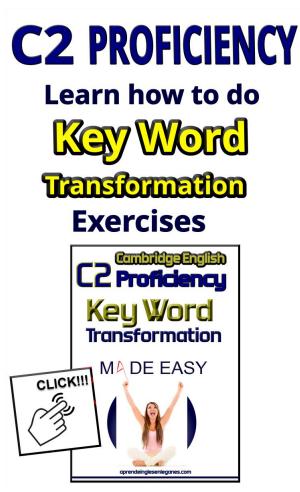
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## SUBSTITUTION

C1 / C2 Grammar

We can use "do so" to replace a verb and the accompanying word or phrase that completes its meaning.

- When asked if they would extend the deadline, the company indicated they had no intention to do so.
  (do so = extend the deadline)
- She had planned to take up painting as a hobby, but with her busy schedule, she now has little time for doing so. (doing so = taking up painting)



"Do so" is also used when the verb describes an action, but it is avoided with verbs that describe states and habitual actions.

- . We travelled down the river by boat and witnessed abundant wildlife while doing so.
- Some friends didn't enjoy the spicy food, but I did. (not but I did so)

## Less formally, we use do it or do that with a similar meaning

- . I rarely speak up in meetings, but that day I felt the need to do it.
- I climbed the mountain and enjoyed the breathtaking view while doing that.

## In informal English, particularly after modals or perfect tenses, we typically use "do" instead of "do so" (although it's often possible to omit it).

- . "Do they provide all the tools?" "They should (do)."
- . "Could you have gone to Ireland instead?"
  - "Yes, I could have (done)."