Fazer: everyday verb forms

A practical reference for Brazilian Portuguese.

YOUR GOAL Use fazer for everyday actions, completed events, past habits and plans.

PRESENT

Notice faço with eu; the other selected forms use faz-.

Faço o jantar.

I make dinner.

Ela faz exercícios.

She exercises.

Fazemos planos.

We make plans.

PAST

The completed-past forms have fiz-, fez- or fizer-.

Fiz o jantar.

I made dinner.

Ela fez uma pergunta.

She asked a question.

Eles fizeram um bolo.

They made a cake.

Selected Brazilian Portuguese forms

Subject	Present	Completed past	Past habit	Going to
eu	faço	fiz	fazia	vou fazer
você / ele / ela	faz	fez	fazia	vai fazer
nós	fazemos	fizemos	fazíamos	vamos fazer
vocês / eles / elas	fazem	fizeram	faziam	vão fazer

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Make the pattern yours.

Use the meaning and the model forms. Then check each answer.

Completed event or past habit?

Ontem fiz o jantar.
I made dinner yesterday.

Antes, eu fazia o jantar todos os dias.
I used to make dinner every day.

Completed event: pretérito perfeito. Past habit: pretérito imperfeito, as in these examples.

A plan with ir + fazer

Vou fazer o jantar.
I am going to make dinner.

Vamos fazer o jantar.
We are going to make dinner.

Conjugate ir and keep fazer unchanged. These are common everyday future patterns.

Your turn: eight questions

Fill each gap using the forms in this guide. Use the meaning as your clue.

01 Eu _____ o jantar todo dia. (present)
I make dinner every day.

02 Ela _____ exercícios. (present)
She exercises.

03 Nós _____ planos. (present)
We make plans.

04 Ontem eu _____ o jantar.
I made dinner yesterday.

05 Eles _____ um bolo ontem.
They made a cake yesterday.

06 Antes, eu _____ isso todo dia.
I used to do that every day.

07 Eu vou _____ o jantar.
I am going to make dinner.

08 Nós _____ fazer o jantar.
We are going to make dinner.

Check your answers

1. faço (The eu present form is faço.)
2. faz (The ela present form is faz.)
3. fazemos (The nós present form is fazemos.)
4. fiz (Completed past with eu: fiz.)
5. fizeram (Completed past with eles: fizeram.)
6. fazia (A past habit here uses fazia.)
7. fazer (After vou, keep the infinitive fazer.)
8. vamos (Use the nós form of ir: vamos.)

MAKE IT YOURS Write two examples about your day. Read them aloud and explain your choices.

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