

When it comes to describing someone's occupation in everyday Chinese, 做 (zuo) and 当 (dang) can be used interchangeably, in that broadly speaking both mean "to work as". However, there are differences in terms of character's meanings. While 做 means "to act/ work (as)" or "to be", 当 actually means "to take responsibility" or "be in charge of". A good way to remember the difference is to learn the idiom: 敢作敢当, which is used to describe someone who is not only willing to take action (做) but is also willing to accept responsibility (当) for it.