

MAKE

the most of / the best of

GET

the better of sb

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Make

the most of sth

to use something so that it gives the greatest benefit

- We'll help you make the most of your holiday.
- John knows how to make the most of his talents.

to take full advantage of something because it may not last long.

- The class quickly made the most of the teacher's absence.
- Make the most of the good weather because rain is forecast for tomorrow.

Make

the best of sth

to accept a situation that is not very good, and do whatever you can to make it better

- There was no one to help me, so I just had to make the best of it.
- You'll just have to make the best of the situation.

Also:

make the best of a bad job

to accept a bad situation and deal with it in the best way that you can

- They're not going to change their minds, so we've got to make the best of a bad job.

Get

the better of sb

to defeat someone in a competition:

- She played well, but her opponent got the better of her.

Also:

get the best of someone

- Jack got the best of me in the last match.

get the better of someone (of a feeling or urge)

to be too strong to conceal or resist.

- My curiosity got the better of me and I opened the envelope.
- She didn't allow her emotions to get the better of her.

get/have the best of something

to surpass, defeat, or outwit someone

- He was shouting a lot, but I think I got the best of the argument.
- We had the best of this game until the opposition tied the score.