

### 3A Collocations dominoes

**Aim**

to review verb + noun collocations from the unit

**Activity type**

a game of dominoes, matching verb + noun collocations

**Classroom dynamics**

pairwork

**Time taken**

10 minutes

**Preparation**

You will need one copy of the activity sheet per pair, cut up into dominoes.

**Procedure**

- 1 Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a set of domino cards in a pile face down on the desk. Each student takes five cards which they can look at, but must not show to their partner. The top card in the pile is then placed face up on the desk.
- 2 Tell students they are going to play a game of dominoes where they must form verb + noun collocations, matching the verb on the white end of the domino card with the correct noun on the grey end of a card.
- 3 Student A places a domino face up on the desk and Student B places one of their dominoes at either end of the first domino to form a correct verb + noun collocation. If Student B cannot place a domino to form a collocation, they take a new one from the pile and miss a turn.
- 4 Play continues with students taking turns to put down their dominoes at either end of the chain. Students should challenge their partner if they think an incorrect collocation has been used. If students cannot agree, they can ask for help.
- 5 The game continues until one player wins by using all of their dominoes, or until neither player can make a correct collocation and there are no cards remaining in the pile. In this case, the student who has the fewest dominoes remaining wins.

**Adaptation and extension**

- Either in pairs or individually, fast finishers can write their own sentences in their notebooks using the collocations.
- To extend the activity and make it more communicative, add a rule that students laying a domino card must make a sentence using the verb + noun collocation correctly, or they miss a turn.

**Answer key**

- accumulate knowledge
- boost energy
- complicate matters
- deepen understanding
- determine the facts
- draw on experience
- establish a rapport
- exude confidence
- heed advice
- meet the criteria
- strike up a friendship
- thwart expectations
- distinctive feature
- heartfelt emotion
- highly thought of

Vocabulary

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matters	deepen	understanding	determine
the facts	draw on	experience	establish
a rapport	exude	confidence	heed
advice	meet	the criteria	strike up
a friendship	thwart	expectations	distinctive
feature	heartfelt	emotion	highly
thought of	accumulate		

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