

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

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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
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heartfelt emotion
highly thought of

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Vocabulary

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