

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
matching (group work)

Focus

Adjective-noun
collocations

Aim

To match adjectives and
nouns together to make
collocations.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
worksheet for each
group of three and cut as
indicated.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun matching game to help elementary students practice adjective-noun collocations.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of dominoes.

Ask the students to shuffle the dominoes and deal out five each, leaving the rest in a pile face down.

Tell the groups to pick up the top domino from the pile and put it face up on the table.

The first player puts down one of their dominoes on either side of the domino on the table, making sure that the adjective and noun make a suitable collocation.

The players then take it in turns to match the adjective-noun collocations by putting their dominoes down at either end of the domino chain.

If a player cannot put down one of their dominoes, they take one from the top of the pile and put it down if they can.

If there are no dominoes left in the pile, play passes to the next student.

If a player thinks an adjective-noun combination doesn't match, he or she can challenge the other student.

If the students cannot agree, they ask the teacher.

If the adjective-noun combination doesn't match, the player must take back the domino and play passes to the next student.

The first player to get rid of all their dominoes wins the game.

When the students have finished, they can shuffle the dominoes and play another round.



rain	BEAUTIFUL	woman	NEW	house	GOOD
idea	FAST	car	YOUNG	boy	EXPENSIVE
watch	COLD	drink	BIG	city	EMPTY
room	RICH	man	RED	wine	SMALL
plate	TALL	building	FUNNY	joke	LONG
hair	HAPPY	children	PRETTY	girl	SHARP
knife	LOUD	music	DIFFICULT	test	DEEP
water	CHEAP	phone	POOR	people	EARLY
morning	LATE	night	SAD	film	HEAVY