

Activity Type

Speaking Game: matching, forming sentences from prompts (group work)

Focus

Causative verbs

Aim

To practice making sentences with the causative verbs: *get*, *have*, *make*, *let* and *help*.

Preparation

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

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging causative verbs game, students make sentences with the causative verbs: *get*, *have*, *make*, *let* and *help*.

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 six each, leaving the rest in a pile face down on the table. Tell the students to turn over the top domino from the pile and place it face up on the table.

The first player puts a domino down either before or after the domino on the table, pairing a causative verb with an action verb or vice versa. The player then makes a sentence using the two verbs and tells it to the other group members who judge the sentence.

Examples:

My friend got me to pay for his lunch.
The teacher made us study hard for the test.

If the sentence is grammatically correct and makes sense, the domino remains in place. If not, the player must take back the domino.

Play then passes to the next student and so on.

If a player cannot put down one of their dominoes, they take a domino 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.

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

Afterwards, hold a class feedback session to review the students' sentences and discuss any interesting answers in more detail.

Causative Verb Dominoes



read	get	clean	get	run	get
talk	get	sit	get	go	have
swim	have	pay	have	dance	have
sleep	help	study	help	walk	help
bring	help	leave	help	drive	let
write	let	start	let	wash	let
cut	let	cook	make	win	make
play	make	open	make	watch	make