

Activity Type

Group matching activity

Language Focus

Adjectives

Aim

To recognize adjectives that have a similar but stronger meaning and to match the adjectives together.

Preparation

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

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this group activity, students play a game of dominoes by matching adjectives with their stronger equivalents, e.g. angry and furious, cold and freezing, etc.

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 one of the adjectives on their domino matches with one of its stronger or weaker equivalents.

Then the next player puts down an adjective at either end of the domino chain and so on.

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.

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.

Extreme Adjective Dominoes



tiny	pleased	delighted	crowded	packed	hot
boiling	dirty	filthy	happy	thrilled	big
huge	good	excellent	angry	furious	cold
freezing	bad	awful	clean	spotless	important
essential	hungry	starving	silly	ridiculous	expensive
exorbitant	interesting	fascinating	frightening	terrifying	ugly
hideous	funny	hilarious	old	ancient	pretty
gorgeous	annoying	infuriating	tired	exhausted	small