

Activity Type

Matching and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Gerunds and infinitives with 'to'

Verbs that go with gerunds and infinitives

Aim

To make sentences by matching verbs to gerunds or infinitives and vice-versa.

Preparation

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

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this memorable dominoes game, students practice making sentences by matching verbs to gerunds or infinitives and vice-versa.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four. Groups of three are also possible with each student having ten dominoes.

Give each group a set of dominoes.

Ask the students to shuffle the dominoes and deal out eight 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, making sure the verb in bold matches with the gerund or infinitive, or vice-versa.

The player then makes a sentence with the verb and gerund or infinitive to show the match is correct.

The next player then tries to put down one of their dominoes at either end of the domino chain and so on.

If a player can't think of a sentence, makes a grammar mistake or matches the dominoes incorrectly, the player takes back the domino and play passes to the next student.

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.

Gerund and Infinitive Dominoes

doing	enjoy	reading	can't imagine	having	imagine
visiting	hate	eating	need	to go	spend time
watching	can't stand	going	love	to do	intend
drinking	miss	playing	need	to see	not mind
visiting	love	being	expect	to go	want
to join	intend	to start	like	living	plan
to live	expect	to go	finish	studying	want
to go	want	to eat	hope	to learn	avoid
putting	need	to see	expect	to talk	like
to find	hope	to get	would like	to do	want
to send	decide	to have	try	to write	would like
to buy	start	wearing	hope	to have	plan
listening	would like	to meet	want	to go	start