

Activity Type

Matching, listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns, prepositions, interjections, conjunctions

Aim

To play a game of dominoes where you match words with parts of speech and make sentences using the words.

Preparation

Make one set of dominoes for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this parts of speech game, students match words with parts of speech and make sentences using the words.

Procedure

Begin by reviewing the parts of speech with students to ensure that they are familiar with each one before playing the game. Some students may not be already familiar with terms such as interjection or conjunction.

Then, divide the students into groups of three or four and give each group a set of dominoes.

Ask the students to shuffle the dominoes and deal out 10 dominoes each if there are three students, and 8 dominoes each if there are four, 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 places one of their dominoes at either end of the domino on the table, matching a word with a part of speech or vice versa.

The player then makes a sentence using the word they just matched.

For example, if a student matched the word 'of' with 'preposition', they might say 'Windows are made of glass'.

The other group members listen and judge the sentence.

If the other students agree the sentence is correct and uses the part of speech appropriately, 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 is unable to 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.

Parts of Speech Dominoes



NOUN	of	PREPOSITION	new	ADJECTIVE	he
PRONOUN	wear	VERB	while	CONJUNCTION	hey
INTERJECTION	carefully	ADVERB	school	NOUN	because
CONJUNCTION	play	VERB	um	INTERJECTION	for
PREPOSITION	we	PRONOUN	heavy	ADJECTIVE	beautifully
ADVERB	cloud	NOUN	as	CONJUNCTION	long
ADJECTIVE	eek	INTERJECTION	they	PRONOUN	with
PREPOSITION	sadly	ADVERB	think	VERB	computer
NOUN	sleep	VERB	slow	ADJECTIVE	carefully
ADVERB	in	PREPOSITION	and	CONJUNCTION	oops
INTERJECTION	I	PRONOUN	cat	NOUN	tired
ADJECTIVE	on	PREPOSITION	write	VERB	loudly
ADVERB	but	CONJUNCTION	at	PREPOSITION	teacher