

Activity Type

Reading and matching activity, group work

Language Focus

Travel collocations

Aim

To match words together to make travel collocations.

Preparation

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

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging activity, students play a game of dominoes where they match words together to make travel 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 six each, leaving the rest in a pile face down.

Ask the students to turn over the top domino from the pile and place it face up on the desk.

The first player puts down one of their dominoes on either side of the domino on the table, making sure that the words match together to make a travel collocation, e.g. check-in desk.

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.

The other players then take it in turns to match their dominoes in the same way by putting them down at either end of the domino chain.

If a player cannot go and there are no dominoes left in the pile, play passes to the next student.

If another player thinks a travel collocation is wrong, he or she can challenge the player. If the collocation is wrong, 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.

The remaining players continue putting down their dominoes until all the dominoes have been placed in a chain.

Check each group has placed their dominoes correctly. If the students haven't matched the dominoes correctly, they should look for the mistake. The correct answers appear on the uncut worksheet.

Students can also play the game using a points system. Each time a student makes a travel collocation, they score one point. The student then tries to make a suitable sentence using the collocation for an extra point. The first student to get rid of all their dominoes receives an extra five points. The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.



ATTENDANT	CHECK-IN	DESK	TRAVEL
AGENT	YOUTH	HOSTEL	RAILWAY
STATION	CAR	HIRE	VISA
FORM	DUTY	FREE	DEPARTURE
LOUNGE	ARRIVALS	HALL	PACKAGE
HOLIDAY	BOARDING	PASS	PASSPORT
CONTROL	JET	LAG	BAGGAGE
CLAIM	INFORMATION	DESK	WINDOW
SEAT	ROOM	SERVICE	RETURN
TICKET	PASSENGER	TERMINAL	BUY
SOUVENIRS	TAXI	RANK	CULTURE
SHOCK	CARRY-ON	BAG	FLIGHT