

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
listening, gap-fill (group work)

Focus

Verb-noun collocations

Aim

To match verbs with collocating nouns in sentences.

Preparation

Make one copy of the bingo cards per round you wish to play. Cut the cards out as indicated.

Also, make one copy of the caller's sheet.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this verb-noun collocations game, students play bingo by listening to gap-fill sentences and matching verbs with collocating nouns in sentences.

Procedure

Give each student a bingo card.

If you have more than 20 students, have them play the game in groups of six. See the instructions at the bottom of the page.

You take on the role of the bingo caller.

Read a sentence at random from the caller's sheet, saying the word 'blank' for the missing collocating verb.

Put a tick beside the sentence to show it has been read out.

Students listen and look at the verbs on their bingo cards to see if they have a verb that completes the verb-noun collocation in the sentence. If they do, they cross it off.

The game continues until a student has crossed off three verbs in a row either horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

When this happens, the student shouts 'Bingo!' and then reads out the verbs they crossed off.

If they match the sentences that were ticked on the caller's sheet, the student wins the round.

Students then start a new round or continue to see who can cross off all nine verbs.

Play several rounds, making sure students receive a different bingo card each time.

If you have a large class or you want to give the students more practice with verb-noun collocations, students play the game in groups of six with students taking it in turns to be the bingo caller. In this case, copy one set of bingo cards and a caller's sheet for each group.

Verb-Noun Collocations Bingo

BINGO

keep	pay	speak	get	take	tell
tell	save	do	pay	make	save
catch	take	make	break	have	catch

BINGO

pay	take	have	speak	save	do
do	break	catch	keep	tell	pay
speak	save	get	have	break	make

BINGO

do	have	get	speak	have	take
save	keep	take	catch	get	tell
catch	break	make	pay	save	keep

BINGO

get	tell	take	make	speak	save
pay	speak	keep	break	get	catch
break	take	save	do	have	pay

BINGO

keep	tell	get	catch	keep	tell
have	do	save	speak	make	save
take	make	catch	get	break	do

Verb-Noun Collocations Bingo

BINGO			BINGO		
do	take	make	get	pay	take
speak	tell	have	break	keep	save
get	break	catch	tell	do	make
BINGO			BINGO		
speak	make	have	tell	take	break
pay	keep	do	have	catch	keep
catch	tell	break	get	speak	do
BINGO			BINGO		
take	break	get	catch	make	speak
have	make	tell	pay	take	break
keep	do	speak	do	save	keep
BINGO			BINGO		
tell	speak	save	get	have	do
pay	make	do	speak	tell	save
take	have	keep	break	pay	keep
BINGO			BINGO		
catch	have	get	pay	make	do
save	tell	take	keep	catch	save
keep	make	pay	speak	break	get

Caller's sheet (Part 1)

I forgot to my bed this morning because I was in a hurry. (MAKE)	
It's your turn to the washing up. I did it last night. (DO)	
You should medicine for your cold. (TAKE)	
Students who the rules must do extra homework. (BREAK)	
Pedro can English very well. (SPEAK)	
I put on warm clothes because I didn't want to a cold. (CATCH)	
Don't tell Mary. She can't a secret. (KEEP)	
I time in the mornings by eating breakfast on the bus. (SAVE)	
..... attention! I'm not going to say this again. (PAY)	
My parents are going away this weekend. Let's a party! (HAVE)	
Alice can three languages. She's a very clever girl. (SPEAK)	
I my rent on the first of every month. (PAY)	
Jose didn't the job because he was too old. (GET)	
I always fun when I spend time with my friends. (HAVE)	
People who the law often go to prison. (BREAK)	
I tried to the ball, but I was too slow. (CATCH)	
You can a lot of money by booking your tickets in advance. (SAVE)	
Get into bed, and I'll you a story. (TELL)	
Please don't move. I want to a photo. (TAKE)	
I'll be ready soon. I just need to my hair. (DO)	
Please don't any noise. The baby is sleeping. (MAKE)	
I hope I a good grade in the exam. (GET)	
Where do you your books? (KEEP)	
You should never lies, especially to your parents. (TELL)	

Caller's sheet (Part 2)

I hope I a new phone for Christmas. (GET)	
Good friends are people who never promises. (BREAK)	
I'm sure she'll a good job. Kim is a hard worker. (DO)	
It's a lovely day. Why don't we a picnic? (HAVE)	
Learning a language can a long time. (TAKE)	
..... in a loud voice if you want us to hear you. (SPEAK)	
Joe has a great sense of humour. He loves to jokes. (TELL)	
You can trust me. I always my promises. (KEEP)	
You look tired. Why don't you a break. (TAKE)	
I offered to the bill, but Paolo wouldn't let me. (PAY)	
I want to a baby before I turn thirty. (HAVE)	
Please don't play football in here. You'll a window. (BREAK)	
Sam learned to Japanese when he was living in Tokyo. (SPEAK)	
I couldn't dinner because the oven was broken. (MAKE)	
Please me the truth. I hate it when people lie. (TELL)	
I turned on the kettle to myself a cup of tea. (MAKE)	
Sid turned off the lights to electricity. (SAVE)	
Students who don't their homework must stay after class. (DO)	
I need to my school fees before classes start. (PAY)	
I couldn't the dog because he was running so quickly. (CATCH)	
I was upset because I didn't an invitation to her party. (GET)	
When it's raining, I the bus instead of walk. (CATCH)	
I always an umbrella in my bag in case it rains. (KEEP)	
I water by turning the tap off when I'm brushing my teeth. (SAVE)	