

Clothes dominoes

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Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aim: To talk about clothes and their colours

Time: 50 minutes

Student grouping: Groups of three

Materials: One copy of the worksheet per student

Language focus: Colours – *purple, red, blue, yellow, black, white, green*; clothes – *skirt, jumper, shoes, trousers, T-shirt*; adjective order – *a green skirt, blue shoes, etc*

Aim of the game: To lay down all the dominoes in your hand



Teaching tip

The preparation (colouring in the dominoes) can be done for homework.

Warmer

Revise the names of clothes by quickly writing on the board some of the clothes the children are wearing and their colours. Make sure you include *skirt, jumper, shoes, trousers* and *T-shirt*. Give the children one minute to look around the class and decide who is wearing these items of clothing. They copy down the item of clothing and add the name of the child who is wearing it, e.g. *a red jumper – Maria*. Ask a couple of children seated in different places in the class to say their list. Check as a class.

Playing the game

Step 1

Give each child a copy of the worksheet and show them how to colour in the clothes by doing two or three yourself. Make sure they understand that the words are not next to the pictures they describe, so they have to match up the pictures and text carefully before they start to colour.

Step 2

Once the children have finished colouring, ask them to fold the page in half lengthways along the central, vertical dotted line. They then cut along this line (figure 1) and along the other vertical lines (figure 2). It is important to do these stages in steps with the

children so that they do not cut along the solid lines and ruin the cards.

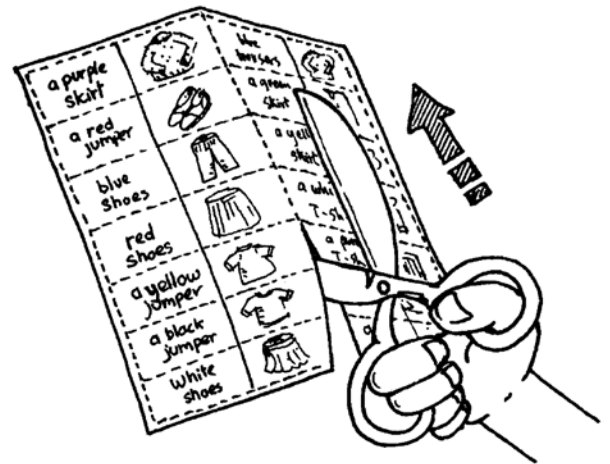


Figure 1

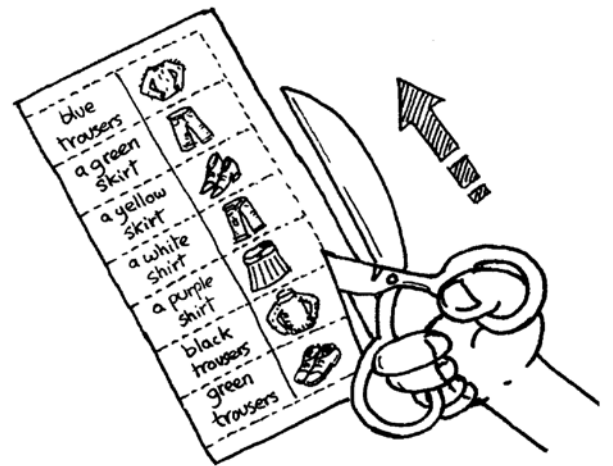


Figure 2

Then they take one half, fold over the first card and cut along the dotted line (figure 3). Continue so that the children are cutting each card at a time. Do the same with the remaining half until the children have fourteen individual cards.

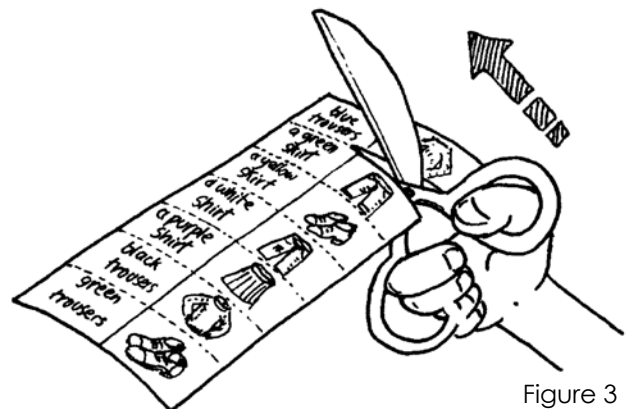


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Step 3

Now arrange the class into groups of three and ask them to mix all their cards together face down on their tables.

Step 4

Each child takes seven 'dominoes'. The remaining cards are left face-down on one side of the table.

Step 5

The oldest child begins by laying down the first domino on the table. The next child tries to place one of their cards on either side of the first one. They can only do this if they have a domino that matches one side of the first one. Dominoes should be matched TEXT – PICTURE – TEXT – PICTURE and never TEXT – TEXT or PICTURE – PICTURE.

Step 6

The game continues with each child laying down a domino in turn. If one of the children cannot lay down a domino, they must take another one from the remaining pack on the table and wait until their next turn before laying down another domino.

Step 7

The winner is the first child to use up all the dominoes in their hand.


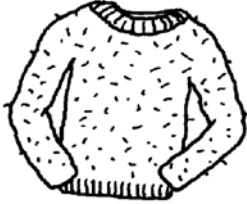


Extra ideas

The same game can be played using pictures and words for other vocabulary areas, for example 'people and adjectives' (*a tall woman, a thin man, etc*).

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a purple skirt		blue trousers	
a red jumper		a green skirt	
blue shoes		a yellow skirt	
red shoes		a white T-shirt	
a yellow jumper		a purple T-shirt	
a black jumper		black trousers	
white shoes		green trousers	