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**Reimagine vocabulary learning with this Fun Game for ESL/EFL Learners! 🎲 These engaging VOCABULARY DOMINOES are not only entertaining but also a game-changer for expanding your ESL students' vocabulary. So why wait? Ignite the joy of learning by grabbing this incredible resource today!**

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## **Who is this for?**

- **Learners with an intermediate, upper-intermediate level of English.**

# GAME RULES

## Setting up the Game:

**Shuffle the 21 tiles face down. Students can play in pairs or threes. Each player draws 5 tiles.**

## How to play

**To play a tile, students must match one of its ends with an open end of a tile in the layout. If a player cannot make a move, they must draw a tile from the remaining tiles and pass their turn. If there are no more tiles to draw from, the player must pass their turn. The game continues until one player runs out of tiles or no more plays can be made. The player who goes out (plays their last tile) wins the round.**

## Another Way to Play Dominoes!

**Divide students into small groups and give them a set of dominoes with all the tiles mixed up. They have to arrange them in a way that all sentences are grammatically correct. The group that can do it first is the winner of the game!**



# PHRASAL VERBS

Arrive unexpectedly or make something louder. **RUN OUT OF**

Exhaust the supply of something. **Look up**

Search for information in a reference source. **SET UP**

Establish or arrange something. **TAKE OFF**

Remove clothing or become successful. **GIVE UP**

Quit or surrender. **CALL OFF**

Cancel something that was planned. **BRING UP**

Raise a topic or child. **PUT OFF**

Postpone or delay. **BREAK UP**

End a relationship. **LOOK FORWARD TO**

Anticipate with pleasure. **GET OVER**

Recover from an illness or emotional distress. **COME ACROSS**

Find by chance. **GO ON**

Continue or start happening. **TAKE UP**

Begin a new activity or hobby. **TAKE OUT**

Remove or extract something. **PUT ON**

Wear clothing or increase weight. **WORK OUT**

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arts.

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AND A LEG**

Expensive

**THE BALL IS  
IN YOUR  
COURT**

It's your  
turn to  
make a  
decision.

**DON'T CRY  
OVER  
SPILLED  
MILK**

Don't worry  
about things  
that have  
already  
happened.

**HIT THE NAIL ON  
THE HEAD**

Get  
something  
exactly  
right.

**JUMP ON THE  
BANDWAGON**

Join a  
popular trend  
or activity.

**PIECE OF CAKE**

Something that  
is very easy to  
do.

**ACTIONS SPEAK  
LOUDER THAN  
WORDS**

What you do is  
more  
important than  
what you say.

**ALL EARS**

Listening  
carefully.

**DON'T PUT ALL  
YOUR EGGS IN  
ONE BASKET**

Don't rely on a  
single source  
for your  
success.

**JUMP TO  
CONCLUSIONS**

Make hasty  
judgments  
without  
evidence.

**UNDER THE  
WEATHER**

Feeling  
unwell.

**A BLESSING IN  
DISGUISE**

Something that  
initially seems  
bad but turns  
out to be good.

**BETTER LATE  
THAN NEVER**

better to be  
late than  
never to arrive  
or to happen.

**CURIOSITY  
KILLED THE CAT**

Being too  
curious can  
lead to  
trouble.

**EVERY CLOUD  
HAS A SILVER  
LINING**

Every difficult  
or unpleasant  
situation has a  
positive  
aspect.

**IN THE SAME  
BOAT**

In the same  
situation.

**TAKE IT WITH A  
GRAIN OF SALT**

Be skeptical  
about the  
truth of  
something.

**ONCE IN A BLUE  
MOON**

A rare event or  
occurrence.

**ON THE SAME  
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**CAUTIOUS**

Showing care  
and thought  
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**DETERMINED**

Being  
resolute and  
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**RELIABLE**

Trustworthy  
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**EMPATHETIC**

Understanding  
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**RESOURCEFUL**

Skilled at  
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**PERSISTENT**

Refusing to  
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Possessing a  
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**STUBBORN**

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**JEALOUS**

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A person accused of a crime.

**JUDGE**

The person who presides over a court.

**JURY**

Group of people selected to determine the guilt or innocence of a defendant.

**WITNESS**

Someone who has seen a crime.

**EVIDENCE**

Information or items presented in court to prove or disprove a fact in a case.

**GUILTY**

Found to be responsible for a crime in a court of law.

**INNOCENT**

Not guilty of a crime.

**SENTENCE**

The punishment or penalty imposed by the court.

**ATTORNEY**

A lawyer who represents clients in legal matters.

**PROSECUTION**

The legal process of accusing and trying someone in a criminal case.

**VEREDICT**

The formal decision of a jury or judge in a legal case.

**APPEAL**

To request a higher court to review and possibly change a decision.

**BAIL**

Money deposited to the court for the temporary release of an accused person.

**KIDNAPPING**

Abducting and holding someone against their will.

**HOMICIDE**

The act of killing a person.

**FORGERY**

Creating or altering a document with the intent to deceive or defraud.

**ASSAULT**

Causing another person to fear physical harm or bodily injury.

**CYBERCRIME**

Criminal activities conducted on the internet.

**THEFT**

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**BIODIVERSITY**

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**CONSERVATION**

The preservation and protection of the natural environment.

**POLLUTION**

The introduction of harmful substances or contaminants into the environment.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the future.

**GLOBAL WARMING**

The increase in the Earth's average surface temperature.

**GREEN HOUSE EFFECT**

The trapping of heat in the Earth's atmosphere by certain gases.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Energy sources that can be replenished naturally.

**DEFORESTATION**

The clearing of forests, usually for agriculture, development, or logging.

**HABITAT**

The environment where an organism or community of organisms lives.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Species at risk of becoming extinct.

**RECYCLING**

The process of collecting and reusing materials.

**BIODEGRADABLE**

Materials that can break down naturally into harmless substances.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Materials and substances found in the environment.

**CARBON FOOTPRINT**

The total amount of greenhouse gases,

**RENEWABLE RESOURCES**

Resources that can be naturally replaced or regenerated over time.

**ORGANIC**

Relating to or produced using methods that do not harm the environment.

**SOIL EROSION**

The wearing away of topsoil by natural forces or human activities

**REFORESTATION**

Planting new trees to replace those that have been cut down or lost.

**DESERTIFICATION**

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

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**TUTOR**

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Using someone else's work or ideas without giving them proper credit.

**PRINCIPAL**

The head of a school responsible for its overall administration.

**CAMPUS**

The place where you attend school.

**EMPLOYEE**

A person who works for an employer in exchange for wages or a salary.

**EMPLOYER**

A person or organization that hires and pays employees to perform work.

**APPLICATION**

The process of submitting a formal request for a job or position.

**SALARY**

A fixed, regular payment for work, typically on a monthly or yearly basis.

**WAGES**

Payments made to employees for the hours worked, often on an hourly or daily basis.

**SHIFT**

A specific period of time during which work is done.

**PROMOTION**

Advancement to a higher position within an organization or job.

**DEMOTION**

A reduction in rank or job responsibilities within an organization.

**RETIREMENT**

The act of leaving one's job or career, typically after a certain age.

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**REHABILITATION**

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**CHRONIC**

Health conditions or diseases that persist over a long period of time.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

A contract that covers the cost of medical expenses and treatments.

**PAINKILLER**

Medication designed to relieve pain or discomfort.

**SIDE EFFECTS**

Unintended or adverse reactions to a medication or treatment.

**DOUSAGE**

The prescribed amount and frequency of a medication or treatment.

**IMMUNITY**

The body's ability to resist and fight off infections and diseases.

**WARD**

A large room or area in a hospital where patients are accommodated

**LABORATORY**

A facility for conducting medical tests and analyses on patient samples

**INTENSIVE CARE UNIT**

A department for patients in critical condition.

**ADMISSIONS DESK**

The area where patients are registered and admitted to the hospital.

**RUNNY NOSE**

When liquid comes out of your nose because of a cold, allergy, or crying.

**DIZZINESS**

A feeling that your sense of balance is not good and you'll fall.

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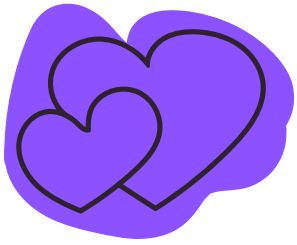
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