13A Past participle dominoes

Activity type: Pronunciation and speaking – Matching game – Groups / Whole class

Aim: To practise pronouncing past participles

Language: Present perfect verbs – Use at any point from 13.1.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every four learners and cut up each copy along the dotted lines to make a set of 28 dominoes.

Time: 15–20 minutes

1   Divide learners into groups of four around a table and give each group a set of dominoes. Ask one learner in each group to deal the dominoes out equally to the learners in their group, face down.

2   Learners look at their dominoes and identify the past participles written in phonetic script.

3   One learner starts by putting one domino down in the middle of the table. Explain that the learner to their left should now put down a domino which matches with either side of this domino, reading the infinitive and past participle aloud as they do so. If the learner cannot do this, play passes to the learner on their left, and so on. Play continues until one learner has put down all his/her dominoes. This learner is the winner.

4   At the end of the game, as a follow-up activity, learners take it in turns to say truthful sentences about themselves starting with *I've never…*, followed by one of the past participles. Learners should try to remember as many of the sentences they hear as possible. Each time a learner produces an accurate sentence, the corresponding domino is turned over. They should continue until all the dominoes have been turned over. To conclude the activity, ask learners to tell the class something about one of the other learners in their group (e.g. *Juan has never ridden a horse*).

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/red/	play	/pleɪd/	speak
/spəʊkən/	have	/hæd/	eat
/iːtən/	see	/siːn/	go
/gɒn/	want	/wɒntɪd/	do
/dʌn/	understand	/ʌndəstʊd/	work
/wɜːkt/	like	/laɪkt/	be
/biːn/	meet	/met/	write
/rɪtən/	say	/sed/	hear
/hɜːd/	run	/rʌn/	learn
/lɜːnd/	break	/brəʊkən/	fly
/fləʊn/	swim	/swʌm/	ride
/rɪdən/	visit	/vɪzɪtɪd/	try
/traɪd/	drink	/drʌŋk/	travel
/trævəld/	win	/wʌn/	read