

1B Conversation dominoes

Activity type: Reading – Dominoes – Pairs

Aim: To review conversation language

Language: Talk to someone for the first time – Coursebook p11; say hello and goodbye – Coursebook p12

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of learners and cut it into a set of 16 dominoes along the dotted lines. Shuffle each set.

Time: 15–20 minutes

- 1 On the board, draw an empty domino like on the worksheet. Write *Fine, thanks.* in the left half and *Where are you from?* in the right. Draw another domino to the right. Cover *Fine, thanks.* with your hand. Elicit replies to *Where are you from?* and write a correct one in the left half of the second domino. Draw another domino to the left of the first. Cover *Where are you from?* with your hand. Elicit *How are you?* and write it in the right part of the domino. Draw a circle around *How are you?* and *Fine, thanks.* Draw another circle around *Where are you from?* and its answer. Explain to learners that these are both two-line dialogues.
- 2 Put learners into pairs. Give each pair one set of dominoes. Learners deal out the cards equally, face down. They do not look at each other's dominoes.
- 3 One learner puts a domino on the table. The other learner chooses one from his / her set which can be put at either end of the domino on the table so the two touching parts make a two-line dialogue. The dialogue must make sense. Learners then continue taking turns to put dominoes at either end of the chain, each time making a new two-line dialogue.
- 4 If a learner thinks the dominoes do not make a two-line dialogue, he / she can challenge his / her partner. If the dialogue is wrong, the learner must take back the domino and the turn passes to the learner who challenged. If learners are not sure, they should ask you for help.
- 5 When a learner cannot put down a domino, the turn automatically passes to his / her partner. The game continues until one learner has used all of his / her dominoes, or until nobody can make a correct dialogue. The learner who finishes first or who has the fewest remaining dominoes is the winner.

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I have only one child – a girl.	My name's Maria.
Yes, but I have no children.	Are you OK?
I'm from Amman in Jordan.	We live in a flat with one room.
I'm from Brazil too!	Where's St Petersburg?
Oh, it's a very big house!	Are you from Canada?
I have an apartment near Tokyo.	I'm not married. What about you?
It's Chang Li.	How are you?
Nice to meet you, Val.	Goodbye.

Hello Maria. I'm Ben.	Are you married?
Yes, I'm fine.	Where are you from?
Oh, it's a small flat!	I'm from Brazil. And you?
I think it's in Russia.	I have a house with 22 rooms.
No, I'm from England.	I live in a house in London. And you?
I'm married and I have two children.	What's your name?
Fine, thanks.	This is my sister, Val.
See you.	I have three boys. What about you?