

## British and American Technical English Collocations

### Instructions for teachers

*Cut up one set of cards per group of 2-4 students, only cutting horizontally so the two halves of each domino are still together. Ask students to spread the cards out face up and work together to put all the cards together in a big circle by matching beginnings and endings of engineering collocations. Let them check against the worksheet. They can then deal out 7 cards each and play an actual game of dominoes, with any extra dominoes staying face down on the table until someone can't go and so needs to take another.*

### Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

*Don't cut between the two columns*

hoover (e.g. Roomba) vacuum cleaner (e.g. Roomba)	paraffin kerosene
stove heater	petrol gas
station station	front/ rear/ back front/ rear/ back
bumper fender	windscreen windshield
wipers wipers	snow snow
tyres tires	exhaust tail-
pipe pipe	accelerator gas
pedal pedal	hand- parking
brake brake	automatic/ manual automatic/ manual
gearbox transmission	lorry truck*
driver driver	fire fire
engine truck	(rubbish) trash-/ garbage
bin can	hot/ cold (water) hot/ cold (water)



tap	(electrical)
faucet	(electrical)
socket	TV
outlet	TV
aerial	pocket
antenna	pocket
torch	hash
flashlight	pound
sign	maths
sign	math
teacher	turn
teacher	turn
anti-clockwise	nought point
counter-clockwise	zero point
oh five	mobile
zero five	cell-
phone	hard
phone	bump
hat	adjustable
cap	adjustable
spanner	service
wrench	(service)
engineer	a hundred
technician	a hundred
and thirty	dustcart
thirty	garbage truck
driver	bonnet
driver	hood
ornament	rental
ornament	rental/ hire
skip	lift
Dumpster	elevator
to the 12 <sup>th</sup> floor	robot
to the 12 <sup>th</sup> floor	robot

*Write a synonym of each phrase below:*

paraffin stove  
(robot) Hoover  
petrol station  
(front/ rear/ back) fender  
windscreen (wipers)  
tyres  
exhaust  
gas pedal  
handbrake  
(automatic/ manual) transmission  
lorry  
fire engine  
(rubbish) bin  
(hot water/ cold water) faucet  
(electrical) socket  
(TV) aerial  
(pocket) flashlight  
hash (sign)  
maths (teacher)  
anti-clockwise  
nought point five  
mobile phone  
bump cap  
(adjustable) spanner  
a hundred thirty  
hood (ornament)  
(rental) skip  
lift

*Use the mixed answers to help with the task above.*

... and...	... truck	accelerator
antenna	bonnet	bumper
cell...	counter...	Dumpster
elevator	gas...	gearbox
hard hat	kerosene heater	math
outlet	parking...	pound
tailpipe	tap	tires
torch	trashcan/ garbage can	truck
vacuum cleaner	windshield	wrench
zero...		

*Check with the dominoes cards.*