

## Meetings and negotiations Collocations dominoes

### Teacher's instructions

Photocopy and cut out one pack of cards per group of two to four students. To cut them out, cut away all the blank paper round the edges and then cut down once only along the middle line before cutting horizontally, leading to cards that have two unconnected words or phrases next to each other, e.g. "running out" on the left of the first card and "find common" on the right. If you've done it right, you should have a pack of 28 cards.

There are two games you can play with these cards, and the first one is good preparation for the second.

1. Ask students to work together to make a circle with the cards by putting them next to each other to make common collocations related to meetings and negotiations, e.g. find + common ground. Tell them that more than one combination might be possible at times, but there is only one way to link them all together so that they make a big circle with no loose ends.
2. They can also play an actual game of dominoes. They should shuffle and deal the cards so that each person has five, putting the rest face down in a pack on the table. One card from the pack is placed face up in the middle of the table, e.g. "point/ get the ball". The person whose turn it can lay down one of their cards if it matches either half of the card on the table, e.g. "stick to the" + "point" or "get the ball" + "rolling". If they can't place any of their cards down, they have to take one extra card from the pack. Play then passes to the next person. This continues until one person has placed down all their cards, which makes them the winner. If all the cards in the pack are gone, people who can't go just pass.



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running out	find common	ground	attend
a meeting	the next item on	the agenda	play it by
ear	reach	agreement with	make a
concession	meet you	halfway	the main
aim	take	minutes	stick to the
point	get the ball	rolling	small
talk	Annual General	Meeting	win-
win	face to	face	outstanding
issues	get	started	get down to
business	bring	forward	to sum



up	miss something	out	cover
everything	share our	ideas	give your
input into	a lot to get	through	split
up into groups	wind things	up	time's



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### Answer key

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make a + concession  
meet you + halfway  
the main + aim  
take + minutes  
stick to the + point  
get the ball + rolling  
small + talk  
Annual General + Meeting  
win-win  
face to + face  
outstanding + issues  
get + started  
get down to + business  
bring + forward  
to sum + up  
miss something + out  
cover + everything  
share our + ideas  
give your + input into  
a lot to get + through  
split + up into groups  
wind things + up  
time's + running out