

British and American technical English collocations dominoes

Instructions for teachers

Cut up one set of cards per group of 2-4 students. Only cut 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 the two engineering collocations with the same meaning on each pair. After checking with the worksheet, they can then deal out 7 cards each and play dominoes, with any extra cards 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 th floor	robot
to the 12 th floor	robot

Without looking at the cards, 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

-----fold, cover or cut-----

Use these 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.