

Exploring Gender - Dominoes

Purpose

This activity aids recall within the enjoyable context of a game. It helps pupils to be precise about words, distinguishing between *des boutons* and *des bonbons* for example. It can consolidate understanding of gender and plural.

Objective

- ✓ to sort words
- ✓ to make connections
- ✓ to develop memory skills

Preparation

Pupils work in groups of 3. Each group will need one set of dominoes.

Starter

In groups of 3 ask pupils to recall as many nouns from the story as they can. Can they remember if the words are masculine or feminine? Can they think of words to describe any of the nouns?

Activity 1

Ask the class to distribute the dominoes equally among group members.
Pupil with * * * places his card on the table saying the French word aloud.
Continue as game of dominoes ensuring that the French words are said aloud.
Continue until final * * * card is laid.

Activity 2

Ask class how many different ways of saying a, the and some are evident from the domino cards. What do they notice about the words when there is more than one etc. Display some pictures on smartboard and ask pupils to identify them in French.

Activity 3

Pupils make their own set of domino cards, replacing the English words with pictures.

Debrief

Ask pupils what skills they employed during the game. i.e. listening, memorising, reasoning. Ask if they learned any new words. How did they learn them?

**** l'écurie	some butter	du beurre	some flour	de la farine	some eggs
des œufs	some milk	du lait	some sugar	du sucre	some spices
des épices	a bowl	un bol	two plates	deux assiettes	a knife
un couteau	a fork	une fourchette	a spoon	une cuillère	a garden
un jardin	the warm oven	le four chaud	the table	la table	the kitchen

la cuisine	the pink pig	le cochon rose	the brown cow	la vache marron	the grey horse
le cheval gris	the little fox	le petit renard	the deep river	la rivière profonde	the old lady
la vieille dame	the old man	le vieillard	a delicious smell	une odeur délicieuse	some cherries
des cerises	some sweets	des bonbons	some buttons	des boutons	some eyes
des yeux	the pig sty	la porcherie	the field	le champ	the stable