

Exploring Verbs - Dominoes

Purpose

This activity helps pupils become familiar with verbs in their conjugated form. It makes them think about the pronoun as well as the tense.

Objective

- ✓ To identify patterns relating to verbs
- ✓ To recognise similarities and differences

Preparation

One set of domino cards per group of 4 pupils
Verb master sheet without English
Verb master sheet with English
Verb worksheet

Starter

In groups of 4 ask pupils to recall as many of the verbs that they met in the previous lesson as they can. Ask class to recall differences they had noticed between their verbs and the way they appeared in the story. Explain that the next activity is intended to support their understanding of these differences.

Activity 1

Give out the verb master sheet and ask pupils to complete the English column as much as they can. After 5 minutes give out master sheet with English and ask them to check their sheets. Explain that they can use the sheet to help them with the game of dominoes.

Activity 2

Groups divide the domino cards between group members. The card with the *** is placed first. Groups play dominoes using the verb master sheet for support

Activity 3 or Homework

Give out the verb worksheet and ask pupils to fill in the missing gaps. It is probably best if they tackle this together initially and then complete individually for homework.

Debrief

Discuss the activity, asking pupils what they learned, how they learned and if they enjoyed the process and if so, why.

**** le bonhomme de pain d'épice	she weighed	elle a pesé	she poured	elle a versé	she mixed
elle a mélangé	she rolled	elle a roulé	she cut	elle a coupé	she put
elle a mis	it filled	elle a rempli	she said	elle a dit	she used
elle a utilisé	she made	elle a fait	she followed	elle a poursuivi	she cried out
elle a crié	he saw	il a vu	he smiled	il a souri	he fell

il est tombé	he looked at	il a regardé	he arrived	il est arrivé	he jumped
il a sauté	he went	il est allé	he began	il a commencé	he got down
il est descendu	he heard	il a entendu	he went out	il est sorti	he stole
il a volé	he threw	il a jeté	he ran	il a couru	he escaped
il a échappé	he crossed	il a traversé	he got on	il est monté	he ate

il a croqué	he bit	il a mordu	he came	il est venu	he chewed
il a mastiqué	he did	il a fait	he looked for	il a cherché	he swam
il a nagé	he got wet	il s'est mouillé	he rejoiced	il s'est réjoui	she went
elle est allée	she threw	elle a jeté	she ran	elle a couru	she went out
elle est sortie	she crossed	elle a traversé	she got on	elle est montée	the gingerbread man

aider		échapper		peser	
aller		entendre		regarder	
attraper		être		se réjouir	
avoir		faire		rouler	
arriver		jeter		remplir	
appeler		mettre		sortir	
courir		se mettre		sourire	
couper		se mouiller		sauter	
crier		monter		tomber	
commencer		mélanger		traverser	
croquer		mordre		utiliser	
chercher		mastiquer		voir	
dire		nager		verser	
se dire		pouvoir		voler	
descendre		poursuivre		venir	

aider	to help	échapper	to escape	peser	to weigh
aller	to go	entendre	to hear	regarder	to look at
attraper	to catch	être	to be	se réjouir	to rejoice
avoir	to have	faire	to make/ to do	rouler	to roll
arriver	to arrive	jeter	to throw	remplir	to fill
appeler	to call	mettre	to put	sortir	to go out
courir	to run	se mettre	to put oneself	sourire	to smile
couper	to cut	se mouiller	to get wet	sauter	to jump
crier	to cry out	monter	to get on	tomber	to fall
commencer	to begin	mélanger	to mix	traverser	to cross
croquer	to eat	mordre	to bite	utiliser	to use
chercher	to look for	mastiquer	to chew	voir	to see
dire	to say	nager	to swim	verser	to pour
se dire	to say to oneself	pouvoir	to be able to	voler	to steal
descendre	to go down	poursuivre	to follow	venir	to come

French infinitive	English infinitive	Present tense		Past tense	
aider	to help	il aide	he or it helps	il a aidé	he or it helped
mélanger			she mixes	elle a mélangé	
attraper		elle attrape	she or it catches	elle a attrapé	
arriver*		il arrive		il est arrivé*	
mastiquer			he chews		he chewed
appeler		elle appelle			she called
rouler			she rolls		she rolled
couper		elle coupe			she cut
	to cry out		he or it cries out		he cried out
commencer		elle			she began
croquer		il			he ate
	to look for	elle			she looked for
monter*	to get on	elle monte		elle est montée*	
	to swim		she swims		she swam
utiliser			she uses		she used
échapper			it escapes		it escaped
peser			it weighs		it weighed
regarder			she looks at		she looked at
tomber*			she falls	*	he fell
	to throw	il			he threw
voler			it steals		it stole
	to cross		he crosses		he crossed
sauter			he jumps		he jumped
verser			she pours		she poured
aller*		il va		il est allé*	

* use être in the past tense e.g. il est allé