



Strong Adjectives



flower	pleased	delighted	right	write	hot
boiling	plane	plain	astonished	surprised	waist
waste	big	huge	weight	wait	good
excellent	angry	furious	cold	freezing	week
weak	fare	fair	bean	been	made
maid	sore	saw	meat	meet	beech
beach	hungry	starving	silly	ridiculous	new
knew	interesting	fascinating	frightening	terrifying	through
threw	funny	hilarious	tasty	delicious	exhausted
tired	annoying	infuriating	buy	by	flour

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In this ESL activity, students play a game of dominoes matching adjectives and their strong equivalents and homophones. This activity helps students recognize adjectives, which have a similar but stronger meaning, e.g. angry and furious, cold and freezing. This activity also highlights words with the same sound but a different spelling and meaning, e.g. beech and beach, through and threw, etc.

Procedure

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for every four students and cut out all the cards as indicated.

Explain to the students that they are going to play a game of dominoes matching adjectives and their strong equivalents, e.g. angry - furious, and homophones, e.g. through - threw, and that the object of the game is to get rid of all their dominoes.

Ask the students to work in groups of four and give each group of students a set of dominoes.

Ask them to deal out five dominoes each and to leave the rest in a pile, face down.

Player A puts down any one of their dominoes face up.

The player on their left must then put down one of their dominoes, making sure that one of the words on their domino matches one of the words on either side of Player A's domino, e.g. Domino A: threw / angry, Domino B: either through or furious.

If a player cannot put down one of their dominoes, they can take a domino from the top of the pile and put it down if they can.

The winner is the first player to get rid of all their dominoes.

When they have finished a game, they can shuffle and play another round.