

## Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: matching, forming and reading sentences, true or false, guessing (pair work)

## Focus

Present simple affirmative and negative statements

Verb-noun collocations

## Aim

To practice verb-noun collocations and present simple affirmative and negative statements.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

30 minutes

## Introduction

In this present simple true or false guessing game, students make verb-noun collocations and then use them in a guessing game where they make true or false present simple affirmative and negative statements.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students begin by matching verbs with nouns or noun phrases.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. h 2. l 3. i 4. f 5. b 6. k  
7. d 8. a 9. j 10. e 11. g 12. c

Next, students write 12 present simple affirmative and negative statements about themselves using the verb-noun collocations from the first exercise.

Half the sentences should be true and half should be false.

Afterwards, divide the students into pairs.

If possible, pair the students together with someone they don't know very well.

Students then take turns reading one of their statements to their partner who guesses if it's true or false.

Students score one point for each correct guess.

The student with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

**A. Match the verbs with the nouns or noun phrases.**

**Verbs**

1. read .....
2. take .....
3. go .....
4. play .....
5. have .....
6. watch .....
7. do .....
8. eat .....
9. drink .....
10. speak .....
11. visit .....
12. listen to .....

**Nouns and Noun Phrases**

- a. Japanese food / rice / vegetables / pizza
- b. a cat / a dog / two children / a big family
- c. the radio / hip-hop music / rock music / pop music
- d. exercise / the housework / my homework / the dishes
- e. Mandarin / English / Spanish / French
- f. the guitar / football / cards / tennis / the drums
- g. the doctor / a friend / the library / a country
- h. magazines / books / a newspaper
- i. cycling / to the gym / to the park / swimming
- j. tea / coffee / beer / orange juice
- k. a film / TikTok / YouTube / the news
- l. a photo / a train / the bus / a rest

**B. Write 12 present simple affirmative and negative statements about yourself using the verb-noun collocations above. Half the sentences should be true and half should be false.**

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| 1. .... | 7. ....  |
| 2. .... | 8. ....  |
| 3. .... | 9. ....  |
| 4. .... | 10. .... |
| 5. .... | 11. .... |
| 6. .... | 12. .... |

**C. In pairs, take turns saying one of your statements to your partner who guesses if it's true or false. You score one point for each correct guess. The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.**

Example:

A: I visit the doctor every year.

B: I think that's true.

A: No, it's false. I never visit the doctor.

B: I don't listen to hip-hop music.

A: I think that's false.

B: Yes, that's right. I don't listen to hip-hop music. I listen to pop music.

