

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:  
miming, guessing,  
sentence completion  
(group work)

## Focus

Adjective-noun  
collocations

## Aim

To guess missing  
adjective-noun  
collocations in sentences.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the  
cards for each group of  
three or four and cut as  
indicated.

## Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this adjective-noun collocations game, students race to guess missing collocations in sentences.

## Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face-down in a pile on the table.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card and read the sentence on the card using the word 'blank' for the missing adjective-noun collocation.

The other students then race to guess the missing adjective-noun collocation from the context of the sentence.

The first student to correctly guess the collocation wins and keeps the card.

If students are having difficulty guessing, the reader can mime the collocation to help the students get the right answer.

If nobody manages to guess the collocation, the answer is revealed and the card is removed from the game.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.



It was a ....., so we decided to stay home.

(rainy day)

The ..... was sitting in the park, reading his newspaper.

(old man)

I was laughing because he had just told me a very .....

(funny joke)

Make sure you wear some ..... when you are painting.

(old clothes)

It was a hot day, so I was sitting in the garden drinking a .....

(cold beer)

She is a busy lady. She doesn't have a lot of ..... these days.

(free time)

He is a very ..... He was in that film we watched last week.

(famous actor)

She was using a ..... to chop up the mushrooms and onions.

(sharp knife)

I was really tired, so I had a cup of ..... to help me stay awake.

(strong coffee)

His wife is a really ..... She looks like a supermodel.

(beautiful woman)

I helped the old lady carry her ..... into the station.

(heavy bag)

We live on a ..... where there is always a lot of traffic.

(busy road)

Jose had a ....., so he didn't go to school.

(bad cold)

I was having a really ....., everything was going wrong.

(bad day)

Our ..... is much closer to our school than our old one was.

(new house)

People say that my ..... looks just like me.

(younger brother)



<p>My kids look like their father. They all have blonde hair and .....</p> <p>(blue eyes)</p>	<p>I had a really ..... at the party. I didn't want to go home.</p> <p>(good time)</p>
<p>I tell Maria everything. She's my .....</p> <p>(best friend)</p>	<p>I really love ....., so I put chillies in almost everything I cook.</p> <p>(spicy food)</p>
<p>On Valentine's Day he wrote me a card and gave me a .....</p> <p>(red rose)</p>	<p>The journey passed really quickly for me because I was reading a really .....</p> <p>(good book)</p>
<p>We went to the bakery and bought some ..... for our breakfast.</p> <p>(fresh bread)</p>	<p>We are very old friends. I met her a ..... ago.</p> <p>(long time)</p>
<p>It's a really ..... It took us four days to climb.</p> <p>(high mountain)</p>	<p>We are spending our ..... in Spain this year. We leave on June 25th.</p> <p>(summer holiday)</p>
<p>After eating six slices of cake, Sven had a terrible .....</p> <p>(stomach ache)</p>	<p>As well as getting him a present, I baked him a .....</p> <p>(birthday cake)</p>
<p>There was a lot of ..... last night. That's why the ground is still wet.</p> <p>(heavy rain)</p>	<p>I was really happy when I heard the .....</p> <p>(good news)</p>
<p>After watching the ....., I had nightmares for a week.</p> <p>(scary movie)</p>	<p>You can't keep lions as pets. They are .....</p> <p>(wild animals)</p>