



# Let's Party!



Emma



David



Ryan



Lucy



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## Level

**Let's party!** is a game of dominoes for students at A2 and/or B1 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The teacher can adapt the game to the language level of the class by choosing to form the verbs in one tense or by using various tenses (present, past and future). The teacher can also introduce vocabulary related to the theme of a 'garden party'.

## Language aims

- Help with the learning process, revision and correct use of frequently used verb forms.
- Widen the students' range of vocabulary by presenting an enjoyable and fun situation: a garden party.
- Familiarize students with aspects of British culture, using the theme of a free time activity.

## Components

**Let's party!** consists of:

- 48 domino pieces
- an instruction booklet

On the left-hand side of each domino there is a picture relating to a situation, and on the right-hand side there is the description of a situation with the verb in brackets in the base form. The starting domino is blue. On the left-hand side there is a picture of a garden party, and on the right-hand side there is a sentence: *Emma, David, Ryan and Lucy (invite) their friends to the party.*

## Rules of the game

The game can be played in the classroom (with the teacher) or at home (with a game leader). Play begins with the starting domino and continues as per the traditional rules of a game of dominoes. Students match the illustrated situation with the written description, conjugating the verb in the required tense (present – past – future – progressive tenses...) and in the corresponding form (3<sup>rd</sup> person singular or plural). They gradually build the sentences linked to the theme of a garden party. The winner is the first player to correctly insert all of his/her domino pieces.

## GAME SEQUENCE AND ANSWER KEYS

1. Emma, David, Ryan and Lucy (invite/invited/will invite/are inviting) their friends to the party.
2. Lucy (does/did/will do/is doing) the shopping.
3. Ryan (cleans/cleaned/will clean/is cleaning) the table.
4. David (blows up/blew up/will blow up/is blowing up) the balloons.
5. Emma (puts/put/will put/is putting) the tablecloth on the table.
6. Emma and David (set/set/will set/are setting) the table.
7. Ryan (arranges/arranged/will arrange/is arranging) the chairs.
8. Lucy (hangs up/hung up/will hang up/is hanging up) the decorations.
9. Emma (fills up/filled up/will fill up/is filling up) the bowl with popcorn.
10. Ryan (cuts/cut/will cut/is cutting) the bread.
11. Emma (makes/made/will make/is making) the sandwiches.
12. David (squeezes/squeezed/will squeeze/is squeezing) the juice from an orange.
13. Lucy (is cooking/was cooking/will be cooking).
14. Emma (peels/peeled/will peel/is peeling) the potatoes.
15. David (boils/boiled/will boil/is boiling) the vegetables.
16. Lucy (slices/sliced/will slice/is slicing) the tomatoes.
17. Ryan (chops/chopped/will chop/is chopping) the onion.
18. Emma (dresses/dressed/will dress/is dressing) the salad.
19. David (breaks/broke/will break/is breaking) the eggs.
20. David (beats/beat/will beat/is beating) the eggs.

21. Lucy (adds/added/will add/is adding) the sugar.
22. Lucy (mixes/mixed/will mix/is mixing) with a spoon.
23. David (tastes/tasted/will taste/is tasting) the cake.
24. Lucy (bakes/baked/will bake/is baking) the cake in the oven.
25. Emma (washes/washed/will wash/is washing) the fruit.
26. David (blends/blended/will blend/is blending) the strawberries and bananas.
27. Ryan (does/did/will do/is doing) the washing up.
28. Emma and David (dry/dried/will dry/are drying) the glasses.
29. Lucy (decorates/decorated/will decorate/is decorating) the cake.
30. David and Emma (organize/organized/will organize/are organizing) a game.
31. Ryan (barbecues/barbecued/will barbecue/is barbecuing) the meat.
32. Emma (opens/opened/will open/is opening) a can.
33. David (brings/brought/will bring/is bringing) the drinks to the table.
34. Ryan (welcomes/welcomed/will welcome/is welcoming) the guests.
35. Lucy (greet/greeted/will greet/is greeting) their friends.
36. The friends (chat/chatted/will chat/are chatting).
37. David and a friend (eat/ate/will eat/are eating) a sandwich.
38. The friends (laugh/laughed/will laugh/are laughing).
39. Ryan (chooses/chose/will choose/is choosing) a CD.
40. Emma and David (dance/danced/will dance/are dancing).
41. David (plays/played/will play/is playing) the guitar.
42. Lucy (sings/sang/will sing/is singing) a song.
43. Ryan (pours/poured/will pour/is pouring) the fruit juice.
44. Emma (offers/offered/will offer/is offering) chocolates.
45. Ryan (throws away/threw away/will throw away/is throwing away) the paper in the bin.
46. Emma (drinks/drank/will drink/is drinking) with a straw.
47. Lucy (serves/served/will serve/is serving) the cake.
48. Ryan (takes/took/will take/is taking) a photo.

## Extra games and ideas

In these extra game ideas the teacher/game leader needs to cover one half of the domino pieces with coloured sticky tape or pieces of paper.

### TRUE OR FALSE?

The teacher chooses to play with the illustrated part of the dominoes. He/She shows a domino to the class (or to a student) and says a sentence (e.g. *David blows up the balloons*). If the domino shows this action, the sentence should be repeated. Otherwise, the student or the class should remain silent. The students can then take turns to substitute the teacher's role.

### I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

Form two teams with equal numbers of players and hand out 3 or 4 domino pieces to each player. The teams need to face each other so that each player has a direct opponent to play with. Before starting the game, players in each team quickly show their pieces. Player A chooses a card and without showing it, says to his/her opponent for example: *David tastes the cake*. If the opponent decides to accept the information, he/she thanks the other player. Otherwise he/she says: I don't believe you! and player A must show his/her card. If the player has told the truth, he/she keeps the card. If not, he/she must give the card to his/her opponent. The other team then continues the game. The team which obtains all the cards from the opposing team is the winner.

### THE CORRECT SENTENCE

Place all the domino pieces face-down in a pile in the middle of the table. Each student chooses a card, looks at the picture and says the corresponding sentence (the teacher can decide which tense to use; present, past or future). If the sentence is correct, he/she keeps the card. Otherwise it is placed at the bottom of the pile of cards. The winner is the player with the most cards.

## **CULTURAL INFORMATION**

Garden parties are popular events in the UK, particularly during the summer months. People enjoy spending time with friends, cooking and eating outdoors.

The food often consists of: sandwiches, salads, crisps, sausage rolls, cold pasta salads, quiches plus other delicious foods. For pudding, there are fruit salads, strawberries and cream, fairy cakes, Victoria Sponge cakes and scones with jam and cream. Drinks include both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Barbecues are popular, too. The food is cooked on a barbecue outside. Juicy burgers, grilled steak and chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, sardines and tuna are all popular barbecue foods. They are often served with ketchup, mayonnaise or mustard. In Australia barbecues are very popular events. They call them 'barbies'.

### **An interesting fact**

The sandwich was invented in England in 1762. In a town in the south of England there was a Lord called Lord Sandwich. He was fond of playing cards and he hated to stop the game for lunch. One day he asked his servants to bring him lunch between two slices of bread and went on playing. The Sandwich was born, and this town is nowadays called Sandwich.

### **The Queen's Garden Party**

Each year the Queen has three garden parties at Buckingham Palace. The first garden parties were held in the 1860s. About 8,000 guests are invited to each party! There are marquees in the garden and a band plays music. The men wear smart suits and the women usually wear dresses and a hat. The parties take place between 4.00p.m and 6.00p.m. At a typical party, 27,000 cups of tea, 20,000 sandwiches and 20,000 slices of cake are consumed. There are about 400 waiters and waitresses.

## Cucumber sandwiches - a recipe

Cucumber sandwiches are one of England's most traditional tea sandwiches. They became very popular during the Edwardian era. Today they are often eaten at cricket matches.

To make them, here's what you need to do:

- Take two slices of cut bread.
- Cut off the crusts.
- Peel the cucumber and slice finely.
- Carefully butter the bread with a thin coat of butter.
- Salt the cucumber slices lightly and place them in the sandwich.
- Slice the sandwich diagonally twice, creating four small triangular sandwiches.

You can also make smoked salmon, egg mayonnaise or cress sandwiches – all very popular in the UK!





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