

# 3.7

# PRIMARY VOCABULARY BOX

## Word spider

**ACTIVITY TYPE**

individual collocations puzzle

**VOCABULARY FOCUS**

do, play, have and collocations (see key below)

**LEVEL**

3

**AGE RANGE**

11–12

**SKILLS**

reading, writing

**TIME**

20 minutes

**MATERIALS**

a copy of the *Word spider* worksheet per pupil

**Before class**

Make a copy of the *Word spider* worksheet for each pupil.

**In class**

- 1 Revise or pre-teach the necessary vocabulary (see key below for the list of words).
- 2 Explain the task by example on the board:

do	play	have

a shower  
table tennis  
some work

Say *Do a shower?* in a questioning tone of voice, to elicit the response *No*. Repeat with *Play a shower?* to elicit the response *No* again. Finally say *Have a shower?* to elicit the response *Yes*, and write 'a shower' in the column under 'have'.

Repeat the process with *table tennis* and *some work*, to elicit *play table tennis* and *do some work*. Explain that these are pre-made combinations (and, if you wish, tell them that they can be called 'collocations').

- 3 Give each pupil a copy of the *Word spider* worksheet.
- 4 Ask pupils to complete the worksheet by writing the words in the appropriate spider, depending upon which verb they combine with.
- 5 Circulate to monitor, but try to encourage pupil autonomy; do not tell them answers, but rather prompt and suggest.
- 6 When pupils have completed the task, ask them to correct it, first by comparing their sheets in small groups, and then collectively writing the answers on the board.

**Key**

do: the housework, the dishes, an exercise, a project, the cooking, the shopping, your homework, a crossword

play: the piano, volleyball, the guitar, a game, tennis, football, basketball, the violin

have: a bath, breakfast, dinner, a sandwich, a holiday, lunch, a rest, a party

**Extension**

In groups of three to four, pupils write sentences about each spider with their corresponding verbs, e.g.

'Danny did the housework yesterday.'

'Polly plays the piano on Mondays.'

'Harry has a rest after lunch.'

Set a time limit (ten minutes). Correct collectively. Groups read their sentences aloud for you to write on the board.

Put these words with the correct verb.

the housework ✓

the dishes

the piano

volleyball

an exercise

a project

a bath

the guitar

breakfast

a game

dinner

tennis

the cooking

football

a sandwich

a holiday

lunch

the shopping

basketball

a rest

your homework

the violin

a party

a crossword

