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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t
U	V	W	X	Y	Z				
u	v	w	x	y	z				

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This is a kinaesthetic card matching game that I designed to help learners remember when to use capital letters.

The picture cards should be laminated and cut out into individual cards. The domino letter cards should be laminated and cut out so that there is a capital letter at one end and a lower case letter at the other end. For a large class you will need several sets of cards and dominoes.

To play the game, share out the letter cards between the learners in groups of 4 or 5. Then turn the picture cards face down on the table. Learners take it in turn to pick a picture card. Whoever has the matching letter has to decide if it goes next to the upper case or lower case letter. The person to match a picture to all of their letters, first, wins.

This game not only reinforces knowledge of capital letters but also is a good speaking and listening activity. Learners often debate what or who the picture is and where it needs to go.

I originally designed it to be used with E2E learners, but have since used it with level 2 learners on an NVQ course as an ice breaker *and* with learners with learning difficulties.

If you wish to display the pictures on a large screen (or change some of the pictures to suit your learners) they are also provided in a separate PPT.

Key (to some of the proper nouns you may not know)

A Adam Sandler	N Noel Gallagher
B Big Mac	O Old Trafford
D David Beckham	R Ricky Gervais
F FA Cup	S Simon Cowell
G Gareth Gates	T Titanic
I Ian brown	Y Yahoo
J Jennifer Aniston	Z Zinedine Zidane

Functional English coverage and range statements

Entry 2 Punctuate correctly, using upper and lower case, full stops and question marks

Entry 3 Check work for accuracy, including spelling

Level 1 Ensure written work includes generally accurate punctuation and spelling, and that meaning is clear

Reference: Ofqual (2009), *Functional Skills criteria for English, Mathematics and ICT*

<http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-and-assessment-framework/89-articles/238-functional-skills-criteria>

Adult literacy curriculum elements

Ws/E2.4 Use a capital letter for proper nouns

a) understand what is meant by a proper noun

(b) understand the purpose of marking proper nouns by an initial capital

Ws/E3.4 use punctuation correctly (e.g. capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas)

<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/sflcurriculum>