

# Dice matrix games



## Background

This resource is one of my favourites because it is so easy and so versatile.

I laminate the sheets so they last for a long time.

I use the sheets at all levels but especially at Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3. I have developed a number of variations depending on level and lesson content as per this sample – see the headers.

I use some jumbo dice which I bought in a toy shop – the students love them and the activity seems to get more animated as the dice make more impact – assuming they manage to stay on the table. 😊

## How it works

Each person throws two dice, one at a time. The first die determines the column; the second die determines the row. The target word at the intersection has then to be used correctly in a complete sentence. For extension/differentiation activities the sentence can be written down or students can even give their sentence to the others as a dictation exercise.

The activity gives a good degree of learner autonomy in the choice of sentence (often very silly!). It is kinaesthetic and visual, helps with speaking skills and can incorporate writing skills as well.

## Numeracy

The same idea could also be used in numeracy classes for addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.

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# Dice matrix games - clothes

		1st THROW					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd THROW	1	shoes	trousers	skirt	dress	jumper	red
	2	blue	black	green	yellow	brown	dark
	3	jeans	top	shirt	trainers	boots	t shirt
	4	tie	jacket	coat	leggings	socks	hoodie
	5	suit	shorts	flip-flops	sandals	blouse	hat
	6	cap	scarf	gloves	glasses	belt	tights

# Dice matrix games – describe people

		1st THROW					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd THROW	1	boy	girl	man	woman	child	beard
	2	old	young	tall	thin	short	fat
	3	blonde	hair	dark	skin	fair	pigtails
	4	bald	shaved	head	feet	nose	eyes
	5	age	lips	long	ears	spot	teeth
	6	neck	big	small	round	pointed	glasses

# Dice matrix games – homophones A

		1st THROW					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd THROW	1	find	way	hole	our	made	here
	2	heal	road	new	worn	too	allowed
	3	won	court	bare	break	pair	groan
	4	wood	their	peace	write	steal	sun
	5	flower	waste	weather	week	wear	check
	6	which	through	site	see	poor	passed

# Dice matrix games – homophones B

		1st THROW					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd THROW	1	fined	weigh	whole	hour	maid	hear
	2	heel	rode	knew	warn	to	aloud
	3	one	caught	bear	brake	pear	grown
	4	would	there	piece	right	steel	son
	5	flour	waist	whether	weak	where	cheque
	6	witch	threw	sight	sea	pour	past

# Dice matrix games - plurals, 3<sup>rd</sup> person, silent e, ing



		1st THROW					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd THROW	1	use	ferry	push	sting	dish	swim
	2	fly	hope	wag	promise	radio	marry
	3	house	bite	park	decree	strip	vote
	4	box	match	wish	knife	bag	stick
	5	leaf	echo	save	spoon	wash	mate
	6	run	pull	play	plate	cradle	mat

# Dice matrix games - blank



		1st THROW					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2nd THROW	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						
	6						