

Just a minute dominoes

This game is like the Radio 4 show, *Just a Minute*, in which panelists have to talk about a given topic for a minute without repetition, hesitation or deviation.

Here each student has a card with a poem and one aspect to do with the poem (such as a theme, subject matter, presentation). They have to start talking about the stated poem and the given aspect. If they hesitate, repeat information or deviate another student can 'buzz' them and continue (it's up to you whether you make them continue with the same poem or take up a different choice). This student then gets to start the next round using their card.

You can reduce the amount of time given to each student – use your IWB timer, a stopwatch or loud alarm clock to record the time.

You can also pair students up depending on their cards and have the whole class at it at once and then move them round the room to the a different pair of cards each time although this rather takes away from the feeling of a quiz.

Alternatively, you can get the students to play dominoes with the cards by printing and laminating sets for pairs. Each time they lay down a domino by poem – aspect – poem they have to explain the link.

Seven pairs at the end just have the aspect to be discussed on the card: students need to choose the poem.

One complete page of domino cards is provided on the last page.

Other Cultures Poetry

Nothing's Changed	Identity	Limbo	Unusual Presentation
Limbo	Traditions	Two Scavengers	People
Nothing's Changed	Specific Cultural Reference	Limbo	Non-Standard English
From Unrelated Incidents	Unusual Presentation	Love After Love	Identity
Presents from My Aunts	Specific Cultural Reference	Two Scavengers	Specific Cultural Reference
Nothing's Changed	Political	Half-Caste	Universal Idea
Vultures	People	Search for My Tongue	Unusual Presentation

Other Cultures Poetry

Night of the Scorpion	Traditions	Presents from My Aunts	Two Cultures
What Were They Like?	Unusual Presentation	This Room	Identity
Hurricane Hits England	Two Cultures	From Unrelated Incidents	Non-Standard English
Presents from My Aunts	People	Nothing's Changed	Unusual Presentation
Not My Business	First Person	Two Scavengers	Political
Search for my Tongue	Identity	From Unrelated Incidents	Two Cultures
Half-Caste	Metaphor	Hurricane Hits England	People
Search for My Tongue	Specific Cultural Reference	Presents from My Aunts	Traditions

Other Cultures Poetry

Island Man	Non-Standard English	Hurricane Hits England	Specific Cultural Reference
Island Man	People	This Room	Universal Idea
Search for My Tongue	Two Cultures	Vultures	Political
Presents from My Aunts	Identity	From Unrelated Incidents	Identity
From Unrelated Incidents	Political	Night of the Scorpion	People
Hurricane Hits England	Traditions	Love After Love	Universal Idea
Half-Caste	First Person	This Room	First Person
Search for My Tongue	Metaphor	Vultures	Particular Place

Other Cultures Poetry

Vultures	Universal Idea	Half-Caste	People
Not My Business	People	Half-Caste	Non-Standard English
Hurricane Hits England	Universal Idea	What Were They Like?	Change
Presents from My Aunts	Change	Limbo	Specific Cultural Reference
Night of the Scorpion	Specific Cultural Reference	What Were They Like?	Political
Hurricane Hits England	Particular Place	Hurricane Hits England	Identity
This Room	Metaphor	What Were They Like?	Traditions
Nothing's Changed	Particular Place	Night of the Scorpion	First Person

Other Cultures Poetry

Limbo	Identity	Vultures	Metaphor
Presents from My Aunts	First Person	Island Man	Two Cultures
Half-Caste	Two Cultures	Search for My Tongue	First Person
This Room	Change	Search For My Tongue	Change
Two Scavengers	Particular Place	Hurricane Hits England	First Person
Nothing's Changed	Change	Two Scavengers	Universal Idea
Nothing's Changed	Universal Idea	What Were They Like	Specific Cultural Reference
Not My Business	Specific Cultural Reference	Presents from My Aunts	Particular Place

Other Cultures Poetry

Blessing	Metaphor	Nothing's Changed	First Person
	Point of View		Point of View
	Conflict of feelings		Conflict of feelings
	Feelings		Feelings
	Connections between the past and the present		Connections between the past and the present
	Importance of the Title		Importance of the Title
	Particular Event		Particular Event
	Connections between people and places they live		Connections between people and places they live

Other Cultures Poetry
