

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
matching (pair work)

Focus

Describing bar charts and
trends

Aim

To form a description of a
bar chart and its trend.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
dominoes for each pair
of students and cut as
indicated.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this describing bar charts game, students use a picture to match dominoes together and form a description of a bar chart and its trend.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of dominoes and a copy of the bar chart.

Ask the students to shuffle the dominoes and deal out six each, leaving the rest in a pile face-down on the table.

Tell the students to place the bar chart face-up for everyone to see.

Students turn over the top domino from the pile and place it face-up on the table.

The first player looks at the bar chart to see what part of the trend is being described on the domino on the table.

The player then puts a domino down either before or after the domino on the table, making sure that the two parts of the sentence match to continue describing the trend according to the bar chart.

It's then the other player's turn to match a domino in the same way by putting one down at either end of the domino chain, and so on.

If a player cannot put down one of their dominoes, they take a domino from the top of the pile and put it down if they can.

If there are no dominoes left in the pile, play passes to the other student.

The first player to get rid of all their dominoes wins the game.

When a player has won, the other player puts down their remaining dominoes, as when all the dominoes have been matched they form a loop.

If a loop is not formed, then the students haven't matched the dominoes correctly and should look for the mistake.

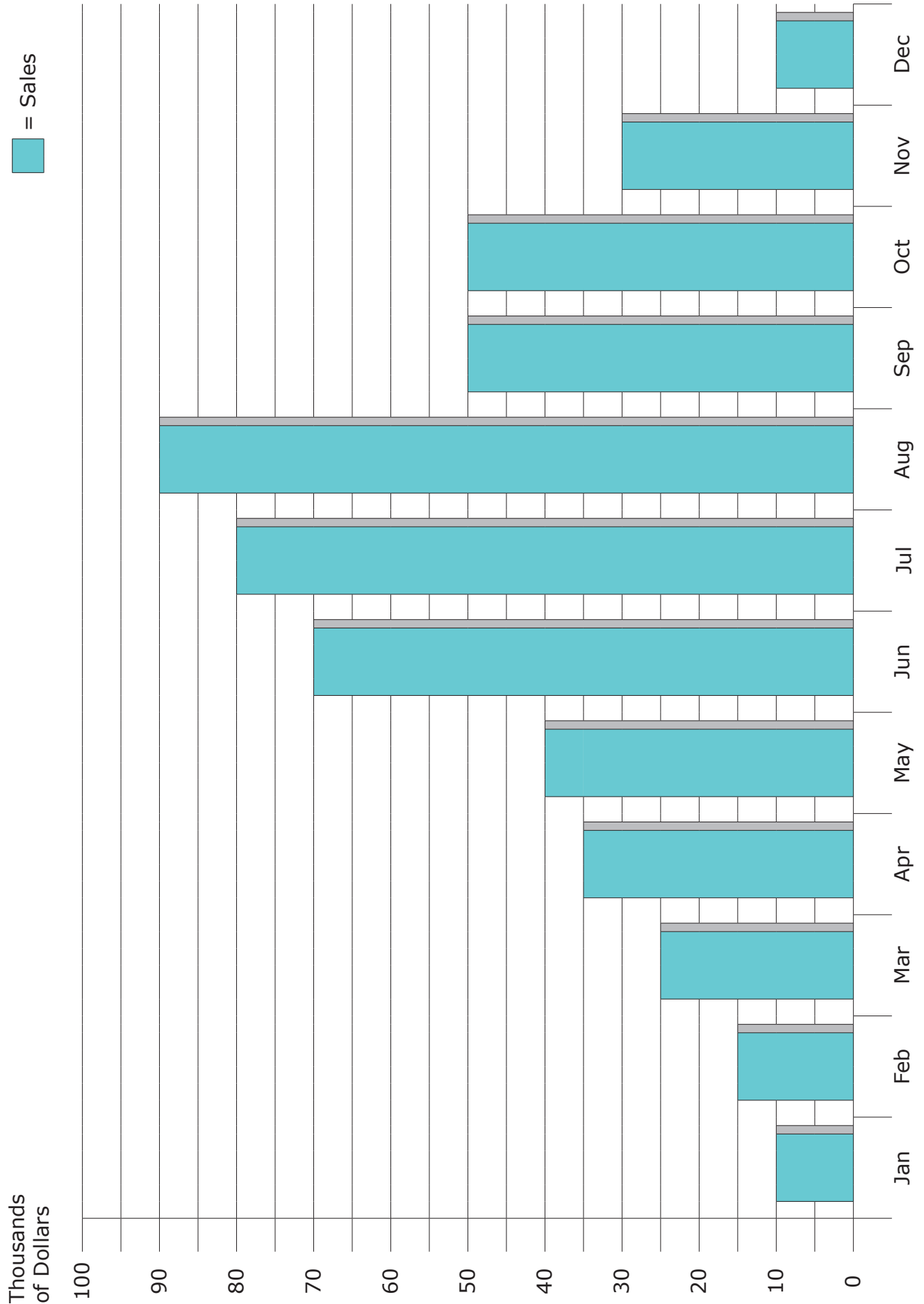
The correct answers can be seen on the uncut worksheet.

As an extension, pairs underline all the language on the dominoes that describe a trend, e.g. remained low, ranged between, gradual uptick, etc.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

Bar Chart Dominoes

Ice Cream Sales



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summer, followed by a significant tapering as the weather cools.	The bar chart represents the ice cream sales	of our company last year.	The horizontal axis shows the twelve calendar months,
starting from January and ending in December.	Likewise, the vertical axis displays	the total monthly sales in thousands of dollars.	By examining the chart more closely,
we can notice some clear trends.	In the late winter months of January and February,	ice cream sales remained low.	In the first two months, sales ranged
between \$10,000 and \$15,000.	As we moved into spring, sales experienced a	gradual uptick between March and May.	This represents a notable increase in demand with
sales climbing from \$25,000 to \$40,000.	The most notable trend is evident during	the summer months of June, July, and August.	A dramatic rise in sales occurred in
this season and this indicates a peak in ice cream consumption.	Ice cream sales in August	reached their highest point at \$90,000.	After the summer peak, sales declined sharply
with demand falling during September and October.	During these months, sales remained stable	at \$50,000 per month.	This trend of decreasing sales continued
into the colder months of November and December.	As we transitioned into winter, sales hit a trough	with sales falling to their lowest level of \$10,000.	This obviously reflects a reduced
consumer interest due to the colder weather.	To sum up, the bar chart clearly demonstrates the variability of ice	cream sales, which are characterised by pronounced seasonal fluctuations.	It highlights the obvious peak demand in