

## Activity Type

Grammar and Vocabulary Game: matching, sentence completion (group work)

## Focus

Adverbs of affirmation and negation

## Aim

To race to complete sentences with adverbs of affirmation or negation.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the sentence cards and adverb cards (3 sets) for each group of three. Cut the cards out as indicated, keeping each set separate.

## Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this fun affirmation or negation adverbs game, students race to complete sentences with adverbs of affirmation or negation.

## Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of sentence cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face-down in a pile on the table.

Give each student a set of affirmation and negation adverb cards.

Tell the students to shuffle their adverb cards and spread them out face-up on the table in front of them.

If you have extra students, have some groups of four and give the extra student a set of adverb cards.

Students then take it in turns to pick up a card from the top of the pile and read the sentence or sentences aloud to the other two students using the word 'blank' for the missing adverb of affirmation or negation, e.g. 'I will BLANK be able to meet you. I'll confirm with you tomorrow'.

The other two students listen and then race to grab the correct adverb of affirmation or negation card to complete the sentence.

The first student to grab the correct card from their set and give it to the reader, saying the adverb at the same time (e.g. probably) wins and keeps the sentence card.

The adverb card is then placed back on the table face-up.

The correct answer is shown for the reader on the sentence card.

If neither student gives the right answer, the sentence card is placed at the bottom of the pile to be used again later in the game.

This process continues until there are no sentence cards left.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

I will BLANK be able to meet you.  
I'll confirm with you tomorrow.

(probably)

Jose is someone that I BLANK admire.  
He's so brave.

(truly, really)

Ali BLANK eats anything.  
No wonder he is so thin.

(hardly, barely)

He's BLANK lying.  
Anyone can see that.

(obviously)

Olga BLANK needed her old phone,  
so she gave it away.

(no longer)

Jean was BLANK exhausted  
after staying awake for 72 hours.

(absolutely, really)

That is BLANK the answer.  
I'm 100% sure!

(definitely, certainly)

They are BLANK together.  
They broke up two months ago.

(no longer)

We are BLANK the same age.  
We were born on the same day.

(exactly)

I have BLANK any money left.  
I spent most of my wages on rent.

(hardly, barely)

Sam BLANK emails anyone.  
He doesn't even have an email address.

(never)

I'm BLANK hungry right now.  
I'll eat later.

(not very)

I'm BLANK starving!  
What time is lunch?

(absolutely)

I wake up at BLANK the same time every  
day, even if I don't set my alarm.

(exactly)

BLANK, he didn't steal the money.  
He's such an honest man.

(surely)

Meg is BLANK going to sell her house.  
She's almost sure.

(probably)

I made your tea BLANK the way you like it,  
with two sugars and no milk.

(exactly)

He will BLANK win the election.  
99% of the country voted for him.

(certainly, definitely, surely)



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| <p>I BLANK believe in love at first sight, don't you?<br/>(truly, really)</p>                      | <p>I'm BLANK taking a holiday this year. I've already booked my ticket.<br/>(definitely)</p>           |
| <p>He BLANK eats meat or dairy products. He has been vegan all his adult life.<br/>(never)</p>     | <p>They are BLANK twins. They're identical and they share the same birthday.<br/>(obviously)</p>       |
| <p>I'm BLANK certain it was him. I never forget a face.<br/>(absolutely)</p>                       | <p>BLANK, there must be a mistake. There should be \$300 in my account.<br/>(surely)</p>               |
| <p>I BLANK go to that restaurant. Not since the chicken made me so ill.<br/>(no longer)</p>        | <p>She will BLANK get the job. I'm 100% sure.<br/>(definitely, certainly)</p>                          |
| <p>I'm BLANK sorry. I hope I haven't upset you.<br/>(really, truly)</p>                            | <p>It's BLANK going to rain tomorrow but I won't be sure until I hear the forecast.<br/>(probably)</p> |
| <p>I'm BLANK at home these days. I spend 60 hours a week at the office.<br/>(hardly, barely)</p>   | <p>Jim is BLANK well today, so he won't be coming to class.<br/>(not very)</p>                         |
| <p>She BLANK makes enough money to survive. I don't know how she manages.<br/>(hardly, barely)</p> | <p>You BLANK can't smoke here. Look at all the signs.<br/>(definitely, certainly)</p>                  |
| <p>I'm BLANK a waitress. I changed jobs and now I'm a chef.<br/>(no longer)</p>                    | <p>We have breakfast at BLANK the same time each day.<br/>(exactly)</p>                                |
| <p>Jo has BLANK been crying. You can tell from her red eyes.<br/>(obviously)</p>                   | <p>I'm BLANK sure that's the answer. You should ask someone else.<br/>(not very)</p>                   |



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