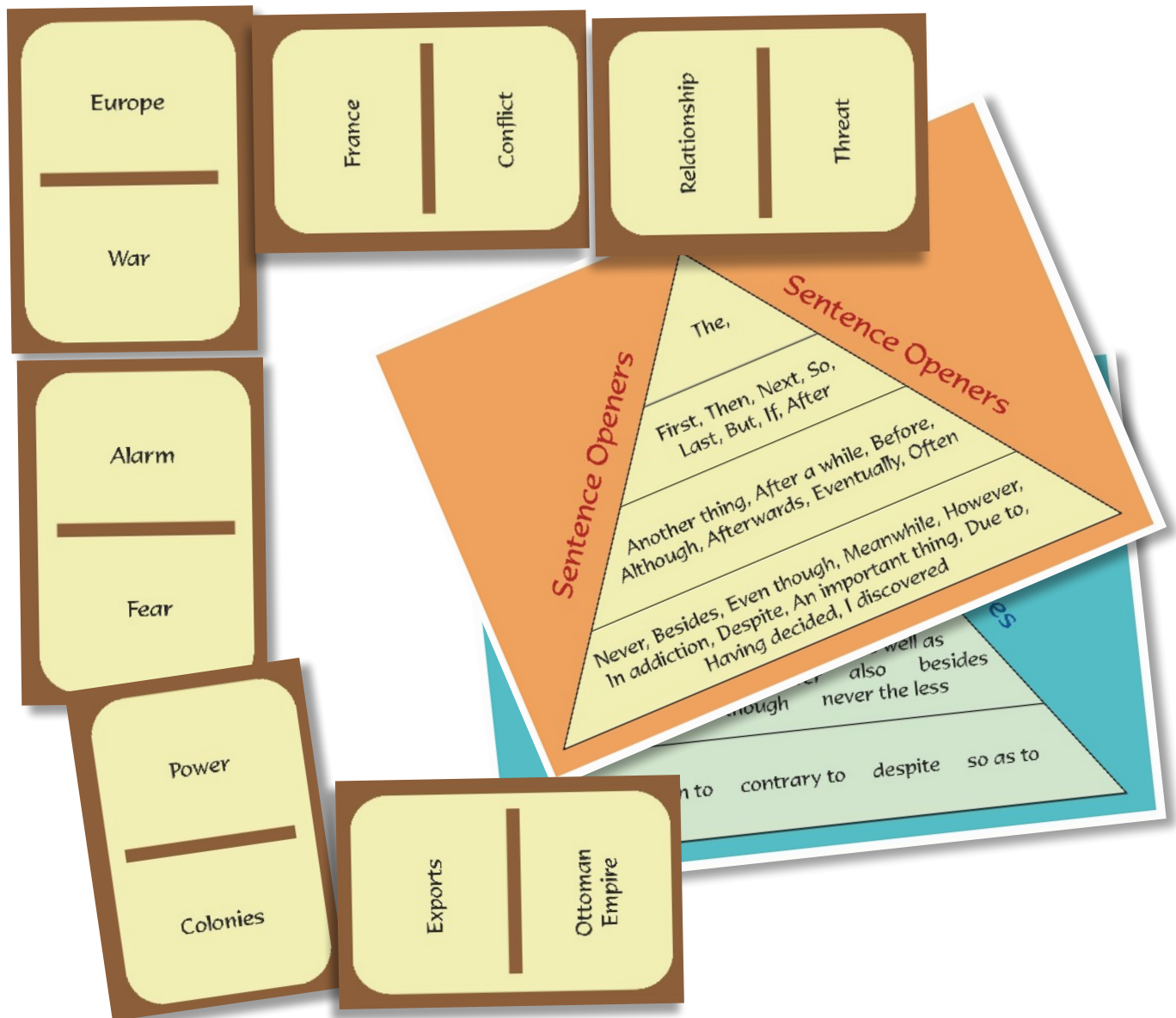


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**Preparation:**

Print out the A4 sheets. If possible, cover the sheets of Domino cards, "Sentence Openers" and "Connectives" with 'clear pvc self adhesive book cover film' before cutting them up.

**HOW TO PLAY:**

Play in groups of two or three.

Deal out all the dominoes. Move clockwise around the circle and fit the words. When you place your domino next to another domino you have to explain why they fit together. Think carefully about your explanation. Try using one of these "Connective" or "Sentence Openers" in your explanation. If you do not have the correct domino, move onto the next player.

Continue working round the group until one player has finished.

The winner is the first player to have no dominoes left.

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from [www.mantralingua.com](http://www.mantralingua.com). Students can use TalkingPEN to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

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