

Producing the cards

Photocopy the sheets. Use different coloured paper if you are going to use several different dominoes games. Laminate if possible for durability. Cut into dominoes along the thick black lines.

Using the domino cards

Make sure that the cards have been well shuffled. Put them all out on the floor (or table) face up.

The cards are going to be used as a simple matching activity with START being the first card. They match the statement on the right side of the domino with the correct answer on the left side of the next domino.

The activity can be carried out by individuals. However, more learning takes place if ringers carry out the activity in pairs or in groups of three – as the ringers will discuss the options and explain the terms to each other.

It can be particularly helpful if a more experienced ringer is placed with a couple of learners, to help guide the discussion, and to clarify terminology. They should avoid giving the answers. Using other experienced ringers has the advantage of freeing up the Tower Captain to get on with running the ringing.

Domino card games

Two games are included, one exploring call change theory and definitions the other the practice of call change ringing – what happens when ...

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START Call change definitions	Conductor calls two bells to swap places
Call Change	All the bells sound once during this
Row	When/ where your bell sounds/strikes in the row
Place	A little gap is left before a bell strikes at handstroke when leading

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Open handstroke lead	Your bell is striking 4 th in the row
4ths place	Follow the 4
Ring after the 4 th	Your bell is striking 3 rd in the row
3rds place	2 to 3

2 rings after (follows) 3	Hold it off
Leave a bigger gap after the bell you are following	Lead
Ring first in the round	You are quick at handstroke
The gap at handstroke is not big enough	4 to 5

4 follows 5	You are wide/ slow at backstroke
You are leaving too big a gap at backstroke	At the back
You are ringing last in the row	Close it up
Ring nearer to the bell in front	FINISH

START Call change definitions

Call is 3 to 4 (you are ringing the 3)

Next handstroke, hold up and follow clipping the one in the 4

Your bell is front

Leave a bigger gap by waiting a little longer. Listen!

To ring your bell more quickly at handstroke

Catch slightly higher on the sally and don't let your arms go up so much

You are in rounds ringing the 5. The call is 4 to 5

Next handstroke, ring a little more quickly to follow the 3

You are a bit wide at backstroke

Shorten your rope at tail end slightly and follow a little closer

You are told you have a closed handstroke lead

Hold your handstroke a little longer so that you can hear the handstroke gap

Your bell starts to come down and the rope is flopping about

Take in rope at backstroke until the rope is taut, then pull to ring the bell back up

You are ringing the 5 in rounds. The call is 2 to 3

Keep ringing at You are ringing the Tenor in the same speed, rounds. The call is you are not affected 4 to 5 Keep ringing at You are leading the same speed but there is a gap but follow the 4th at backstroke. Pull straight down at backstroke and You are bumping listen for the your stay each handstroke closed backstroke. Pull less hard at backstroke and 4 to 5 control the bell on the balance.

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