

## Taboo/Hot Seat

**Age/Level:** Young Learners – Adults/Beginner – advanced. Choose age- and level-appropriate vocabulary.

**Time:** 10 min+

**Resources:** whiteboard and markers or IWB.

**Aim:** To practice definitions, synonyms and antonyms.

### Procedure:

1. Divide the class into two teams. Team 1 sits in a group on one side of the classroom; Team 2 sits on the other side. Two students sit in the front facing their respective teams and their back is to the board.
2. Write a word or a phrase on the board. The students in the chairs mustn't see the word/phrase.
3. Give the teams one minute to explain the meaning of the word to their seated teammates. They mustn't say the item written on the board, it's taboo.
4. The first student in the hot seat to guess the word gets a point.
5. Then two new team players are rotated into the hot seat and a new word/phrase is written up. The team which scores more points wins.
6. If your students are at a lower level, they may be allowed to use root words, e.g. singer – sing. If your students are at a higher level, you can make the task more challenging by listing words that cannot be used in their explanations, e.g. for the word “singer” taboo words may be “stage”, “microphone”, “song”, etc.