Vocabulary Hot-seat

This is a simple, flexible and fun game for reviewing vocabulary.

**Preparation:**
Choose vocabulary from a unit that the students have learnt that you would like to review. Create two teams of students and ask them to stand in two lines facing the board. Place a chair at the front of each line; the back of the chair should be towards the board. One student will sit in the chair (the hot-seat).

**Activity:**
1. The students work in teams – ideally of 6-8 people.
2. One person from each team sits in the chair with their back to the board.
3. Write the first word from your vocabulary list on the board.
4. The team needs to mime and/or describe what you have written without saying the actual word.
5. They continue to mime/describe the word until the student in the hot-seat guesses it.
6. The first team to get it correct earns a point.
7. A new person from the team then sits in the hot-seat – everyone will take a turn.

**Variations:**
- Add more words from previous lessons.
- For large classes, set up two more seats at the back of the class (you’ll need a flip-chart or another board.)
- Have class monitors write the words on the board/chart.

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