

Musical Hot Seat - Grades 4 & Up

How It Works

This activity is for groups of 6 or more. You'll need sound samples of various instruments: guitar, piano, saxophone, violin, drums, etc. If you're an Apple user, you can find these sounds for free in GarageBand. If not visit the following links for sounds you can use:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tb0gHAzpQPE>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh_gXf_VK9g

****If your students aren't familiar with instrument sounds here are a couple of links to get them started. You can always set up the Hot Seat game after they've learned to recognize the sounds:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Ns9wBGokEM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDfWTdwZlms>

Ok, back to the game:

Split the group into two teams. Set up the following at the front of the room:

- Two chairs side by side (appropriately spaced) facing the rest of the group. (You don't want them to see the screen if you're using a video)
- A music player of some kind (smartphone, tablet, etc) connected to a tv, computer monitor or just a speaker behind the chairs.



Each team sends a player up to the front. Have them sit facing away from the audio and especially video source. Play the sound example. You can repeat it if it looks like they need to hear it more than once. The student who raises their hand (or rings a bell or claps; whatever is appropriate for your situation) gets to answer first. If they get it, that team gets a point. If they guess wrong, the other player can try to 'steal' for their team. Play until you've gone through all the students and/or sounds.

What You'll Need

Chairs

A music player

TV or computer monitor if you want to use video

A speaker (Bluetooth or wired, whatever is available)

