Hot Potato

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**Preparation**
Prepare a set of quiz questions about what students have learned or definitions for key vocabulary. Write or display the questions on the board, or give each group a handout with the list of questions.

**How to play**
- Have students sit in a circle. If you have a large class, divide students into groups of up to eight.
- Ask one of the questions from the list. Throw the ball to one of the students and prompt them to answer. Students have a maximum of three seconds to think before they answer. If they don’t know the answer, they can call out “hot potato!” and pass.
- That student then chooses a question and throws the ball to another student.
- Students continue to play until all the questions have been asked and answered.

**Note:** Each student can only say “hot potato” once during the game (for younger students you may wish to change the limit).

**Variation**
To practice grammar structures, prepare a set of gapped sentences with the key forms missing or with two options, e.g. The cat ………...sleeping on the sofa. (present continuous) or You can / can't run in the classroom (can for permission).

**Tip**
For very young learners, use flashcards. Have them roll the ball instead of throwing it, and just say “potato” or choose another simpler word for them to use to pass.