

COMPLIMENT HOT POTATO

Hot potato is a fun game that can get the whole class playing together. Adding in compliments just makes the game even kinder and more inclusive!



Steps:

This game is like regular hot potato. There is an item, like a ball or something similar, that is the "hot potato". Students pass this item around the circle, chanting "Hot potato pass it on, pass it on, pass it on. Hot potato pass it on, you are great!" Whoever ends up with it in their hands has to stand and give a compliment to someone else in the circle. Encourage students to choose someone to give a compliment to who hasn't gotten one yet in the game so as many people as possible can be included.

You can also mix it up and whoever ends up with the hot potato has to get a compliment. Ask the rest of the class to tell them something wonderful about them.

Try to make sure students focus on giving original compliments (if you've made and displayed a compliment alphabet, that can make it easier!) and complimenting people on something other than the physical. Everyone may like Sarah's green shirt, but a compliment about her kind heart and the way she makes everyone feel like a friend will make her feel more special.