

## Not Quite Taboo

The class is divided into 2 teams; each team takes turns sending one person to the front of the room, where he sits with his back to the whiteboard.

The teacher then writes a word on the board, out of sight of the team representative but visible to the rest of the class.

Members of the team try to get their rep to say the word. They give verbal clues about the meaning. No “sounds like” clues, no using the word or any part of it as a clue, or else the other team gets a point and it’s their turn.

In some classes it can be helpful to use a rule of: hands flat on the table, to eliminate gestures. If a time limit is appropriate...

This game can be very useful in getting students to explain in their own words.

The team with the most points wins.