CHARACTER IN THE HOT SEAT

What you will need:

- paper and pen or device
- a partner, family members or Skype/Video call friends.

What to do:

1. Choose a character from the list below, OR choose your own character from a recently read or viewed text.
   - Captain of a cruise ship
   - Prime Minister
   - Red Riding Hood
   - Big Bad Wolf
   - Harry Potter……
   
   You can use props to make your character more believable.

2. Brainstorm what you already know about the character. Use the Y chart below or draw a Y chart into your book or on a piece of paper to help organise your prior knowledge and become the character.

3. Use your brainstorming and the question prompts below to create some questions and statements.

4. Decide who is going to be in the Hot Seat and taking on the role of the character.

5. Ask questions of the character and listen to the responses.

6. Did you get new insights into the character traits of this individual?

7. Choose a new character and repeat steps 1 – 5.

What learning is happening:

- composing, asking and answering open and closed questions
- exploring character traits and situation issues more deeply
- developing inference skills.
Links to more information:
- Journalism: How to lead an interview - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEdbKoY4wVs
- Hot Seat - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOo4DFxt2Q
- The Hot Seat Game - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei0OtZsB2UQ
- Learning at home[^1] on the Department of Education website

Character Y Chart

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Looks like

Actions
(What does the character do?)

Characteristics
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Question and statement prompts:

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<th>Smart Questions</th>
<th>Smart Statements</th>
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<td>_______________ do you think........?</td>
<td>__________ I wonder __________</td>
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Question starters:

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<th>When might...?</th>
<th>Where could...?</th>
<th>Who might..?</th>
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<th>Why..?</th>
<th>Can you tell me more about...?</th>
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