

# Bite the Onion/Jalapeno/Gross Food

Goal: To coerce as many people as possible to play this version of "Hot Potato"

Materials needed: Small Onion  
Music

To Play:

1. Say  
"We're going to play this cool game called *Bite the Onion*. Who wants to play?" [wait for hands] "Its like *Hot Potato* except we are going to use this Mexican dried onion. [hold it up. It can be any kind of onion. The effect is the most important] These onions are known for being really pungent and have a real kick. Who ever has the onion when the song ends has to take a big bite from it. Who wants to play?"
2. Some people will naturally play anything. Your job now is to convince the rest to play by saying things like:  
"C'mon, are you chicken?"  
"There are X# of people in this room, what are the odds you will have to really bite the onion?"  
"It will be fun to take the risk!"  
"Have you noticed that everyone else is doing it?"  
Call on specific people and try to pressure them to play.
3. When about 90% of the group is willing to play, turn on the music and pass the onion.
4. Appear to randomly stop the music, but try to do it on a person you know will really hate biting the onion.
5. Tell the person who has the onion he/she has to take a big bite. He/she will protest. Eventually give in.
6. Then ask,  
"How is this game like pre-marital sex?"
7. Initially, they may be dumb-founded, but start them off by saying, "Some people jumped right in before they knew what they were doing (it is funny to name a person here)"
8. They may share or you can add:
  - a. Some people felt pressured
  - b. Some thought they could beat the odds
  - c. Others felt they would be odd if they did not want to play
  - d. Some thought they wouldn't be manly/adventurous if they didn't play
9. Point out that no matter how people ended up playing, no one wanted the consequences.