

## HOT SEAT (Speaking)

### Characters:

- Mr Birling
- Mrs Birling
- Sheila Birling
- Gerald Croft
- Eric Birling

### 1. Group work (Preparation)

As a group, think about your assigned character. For a start, discuss and write down how he or she would complete the sentences below.

Make sure you remember the plot and use it to make your character look good.

Prepare cue-cards for his or her appearance.

Your character is

\_\_\_\_\_ and...

- feels about Eva Smith that...
- is convinced that the Inspector is...
- wants to avoid at all cost...
- feels that the most important things in life are ...
- tries to... throughout
- feels closest to [another character of the above] because...
- hates most [another character of the above] because...
- will probably change their lives after this evening and...

Your teacher will choose one member of your group to present him or her in the hot seat.

### 2. Hot Chair (performance)

All the characters sit on a panel in front of an audience and answer their questions. (The basis for these are the points listed above in 'Hot Seat'.)

Each character will try their best to be understood and to blame the other characters on the panel.

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