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adj. **hot·ter, hot·test**

1.
 - a. Having or giving off heat; capable of burning.
 - b. Being at a high temperature.
 2. Being at or exhibiting a temperature that is higher than normal or desirable: *a hot forehead.*
 3. Causing a burning sensation, as in the mouth; spicy: *hot peppers; a hot curry.*
 4.
 - a. Charged or energized with electricity: *a hot wire.*
 - b. Radioactive or designed to use radioactive materials.
 5.
 - a. Marked by intensity of emotion; ardent or fiery: *a hot temper.*
 - b. Having or displaying great enthusiasm; eager: *hot for travel.*
 6.
 - a. *Informal* Arousing intense interest, excitement, or controversy: *a hot new book; a hot topic.*
 - b. *Informal* Marked by excited activity or energy: *a hot week on the stock market.*
 - c. Violent; raging: *a hot battle.*
 7. *Slang*
 - a. Sexually attractive.
 - b. Sexually attracted; full of desire: *In this week's show, the surgeon is really hot for the new intern.*
 - c. Sexually aroused.
 8. *Slang*
 - a. Recently stolen: *a hot car.*
 - b. Wanted by the police: *a hot suspect.*
 9. Close to a successful solution or conclusion: *hot on the trail.*
 10. *Informal*
 - a. Most recent; new or fresh: *a hot news item; the hot fashions for fall.*
 - b. Currently very popular or successful: *one of the hottest young talents around.*
 - c. Requiring immediate action or attention: *a hot opportunity.*
 11. *Slang* Very good or impressive. Often used in the negative: *I'm not so hot at math.*
 12. *Slang* Funny or absurd: *told a hot one about the neighbors' dog.*
 13. *Slang*
 - a. Performing with great skill and daring: *a hot drummer.*
 - b. Having or characterized by repeated successes: *a player who is on a hot streak.*
 - c. Fast and responsive: *a hot sports car.*
 - d. Unusually lucky: *hot at craps.*
 14. *Music* Of, relating to, or being an emotionally charged style of performance marked by strong rhythms and improvisation: *hot jazz.*
 15. Bold and bright.
- adv.*
1. In a hot manner; hotly.
 2. While hot: *foods that are best eaten hot.*
- tr.v.* **hot·ted, hot·ting, hots**

Informal To cause to increase in intensity or excitement. Often used with *up*: "His book is an exercise in the fashionable art of instant history, in which every episode is *hotted up* with an anecdote" (Harper's).

Idioms:

hot and bothered *Informal*

In a state of agitated excitement; flustered: *all hot and bothered before the opening performance.*

hot and heavy

1. *Informal* Passionate or intense: *Interest in the new stock was hot and heavy.*

2. Characterized by or engaging in amorous or sexual activity.

hot to trot *Slang*

1. Sexually avid; lascivious.

2. Ready and willing; eager.

hot under the collar *Informal*

Angry.

make it hot for *Slang*

To make things uncomfortable or dangerous for: *Don't make it hot for yourself by needlessly finding fault.*

[Middle English, from Old English *hāt*; see **kai-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

hot **ness** *n.*

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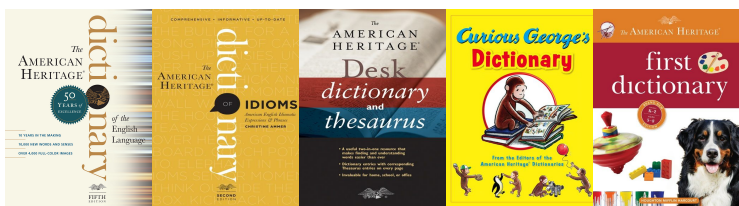
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