

This is a play for friends with words.  
*You'll need a smartphone, paper & pencil, and another person.*

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You'll have to decide that for yourself.

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A  
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B  
Who would that be?

A  
It could be us.

B  
How would we know?

A  
Open up your phone.

B  
Isn't it funny how we say it that way? "Open up your phone."

A  
As if it were still a flip phone.

B  
As if it were a vault.

A  
How do you pay for a vault?

B  
What do you mean? You just buy one.

A  
If I'm renting a vault, am I paying by square foot? Like a glorified storage locker?

B  
There'd be a premium on what you could keep in there if that were the case.

A  
Open up your phone.

B  
Why?

A  
I want to see what you're keeping in there.

B  
No.

A  
Why not?

B  
I don't know. It might reveal something unsavory about me.

A  
So just show me the savory parts.

B  
No.

A  
What do you have in there?

B  
I don't know.

A  
Really?

B  
No.

A  
Write it down.

B  
Write what down?

A  
A list of all the things you've got on your phone.

B  
I can't write down everything. I've got like 15 tabs or boxes or whatever you want to call them open on the internet alone.

A  
Just apps, then. I'll do it too.

B  
Okay.

A  
And put your phone on Do Not Disturb.

B  
I don't like this game.

A  
Who said it's a game?

B  
Wait, there's an app I'm thinking of but I don't remember the name.

A  
I started drawing little pictures. The icons.

B  
Here's an idea: try and draw one full screen of your phone. Or every screen of your phone.

A  
Okay, let's do the list and then we'll try to draw the screen.

B  
Don't forget about your background.

A  
I don't think this is what my screen looks like.

B  
Let me see.

A  
Not yet.

B  
I'm gonna go out on a limb and say that this is more accurate than I would like to admit. When did I memorize my screen?

A  
Let me see.

B  
Not yet.

A  
Okay, I'm done.

B  
One second. I'm not sure if I did this correctly after all. Alright, I'll say I'm done.

A  
Let me see.

B  
So this is my phone screen.

A  
Is that really what it looks like? I thought there were less rows. Fewer?

B  
No, I don't think so.

A  
I'm impressed. This is mine. It's probably worse.

B  
I like yours. I think it's artistic.

A  
That is an insult wrapped in a neutral adjective.

B  
Maybe it's just a compliment wrapped in a neutral adjective.

A  
Let's check the list. Open up your phone and scroll through and see, first off, what your screen looks like. But then, check which apps you don't have on your list. Write those down.

B  
Okay. Done.

A  
Now delete one of those apps.

B  
Oh. That doesn't feel good.

A  
Here, I can help. How about this one?

B  
No, see, with that one, when I'm riding on the train or something or waiting for the train or sometimes when I'm using the bathroom, I'll play a game on that one or something and it's kind of perfect for those situations, so I'm hesitant to get rid of it because I feel like I need it for those situations. And I don't want to say that I need it, per se, but that's just what I'm worried about.

A  
Why are you using your phone in the bathroom?

B  
Fine. I'll delete one. Not that one. But a different one.

A  
Great. I'm deleting this one.

B  
I think you should have to delete two because it's your game.

A  
It's not a game. But I'll do it if you do it.

B  
I don't like this game. Okay. They're both gone.

A  
Congratulations.

B  
I think I'll be fine. I'm not doing a third one.

A  
We'll revisit this conversation tomorrow.