

This is a play of letters.
You'll need internet access, a pen, and another person.

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Bear in mind that it doesn't tell you what to do or when or how to do it.
You'll have to decide that for yourself.

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A
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B
All twenty-six of them?

A
Hopefully more than that.

B
How many more?

A
How many people live in your town?

B
I'm not sure. Where could I look that up?

A
Google.

B
How many people live in your town?

A
What do you mean?

B
Your hometown.

A
I wouldn't call it a town.

B
In your wherever-you-live.

A
I'm not sure. I'd have to Google it.

B
If you had to guess. Larger or smaller than mine?

A
Bigger city, smaller population. That'd be my guess.

B
Interesting.

A
Have you ever done a puzzle?

B
Just any puzzle in general?

A
Yeah.

B
Yes.

A
I've been thinking about the United States. It's kind of like a puzzle. The fifty states. If you made a puzzle out of the US, would you have to include Canada, Mexico, and the Pacific Ocean?

B
For Hawaii?

A
And Alaska, yeah.

B
I mean, that's where the term "continental US" comes from, right? Because people don't want to have to worry about including Canada or the Pacific Ocean? Or crossing them, I guess.

A
What would we do with the flag?

B
What would we do with the flag in what case?

A
If Puerto Rico were to become a state? Or Washington DC?

B
I guess we'd need to add some new stars to it.

A
But how far off do you think that is?

B
I'd give it a hundred years.

A
That seems like too long.

B
Fifty, then. I'm guessing. How long can people put up with not having a vote in Congress?

A
That's not fair. What's the alternative?

B
Do you think we'll look back on the fifty-star flag and think about all the good that happened underneath it or all of the terrible things?

A
Both? Hopefully?

B
I wish I had a vote in Congress.

A
You do, technically.

B
No, not someone on my behalf. I want a vote. I have some thoughts.

A
You should write Congress a letter. Let them know your grievances.

B
I don't trust the USPS.

A
Why not?

B
Sometimes they'll drive from the right-hand side of their trucks. It always makes me nervous.

A
Okay, but you'll still use the USPS.

B
Yes, I just have my qualms.

A
That reminds me that I have yet to request my mail-in ballot.

B
You should do that.

A
Yes, I should.

B
Do you know how you do that?

A
Yes.

B
How do you do that?

A
You request it and then they send it to you and then you fill it out and you send it back to them.

B
Yes, and how do you do that?

A
I assume I call someone. Or go online.

B
Yeah. Vote.org.

A
Great.

B
Do it now.

A
Why?

B
You'll forget.

A
I won't forget.

B
How many times have you remembered to request your ballot in the last month?

A
A few. I don't remember.

B
Do it now.

A
Fine, but you should do something, too.

B
I'll fill out my ballot.

A
So I just go to that website?

B
Vote.org.

A
I just go there?

B
You go there and you input your information and then it tells you what to do.

A
Alright.

B
Done?

A
Yep, done.

B
I wonder if my mom has requested hers.