

This is a play for people who don't know where to begin.
You'll need an article you've been saving, Google, 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
I heard once that if we're not at the beginning of the end, we must be at the end of the beginning.

A
Where did you hear that?

B
A podcast.

A
You listen to podcasts?

B
Someone told me they heard it on a podcast.

A
Have you ever played whisper down the lane?

B
A long time ago.

A
How long is long?

B
Long.

A
Do you remember the rules?

B
You just repeat what you hear in someone else's ear.

A
You repeat what you think you hear.

B
Yes. What you believe they said.

A
I can usually pick out a few words I know, and I make sure to say those again. Then I take the sounds I thought I recognized and I assign them words to make the sentence make sense.

B
And does it?

A
Sometimes.

B
Probably more to you than to the next person.

A
I was reading an article the other day that was kind of related to this.

B
What was it about?

A
Well, I was skimming. I read the headline.

B
What was it about?

A
Listening. Hearing. The differences between the two.

B
Sure.

A
There's actually a different article I've been meaning to read.

B
About what?

A
About what's going on right now.

B
That's vague.

A
You know what I mean.

B
That doesn't stop it from being vague.

A
Here, I'll show you the article.

B
Okay.

A
I feel like it's something I should be reading about.

B
I've been meaning to read this, too.

A
Would you mind if I read it now?

B
I guess. I've got time.

A
Great.

B
I'll read it, too.

A
So what did you make of it?

B
Where did you find this?

A
I was just Googling. I entered one of the terms in the article. I'd seen it somewhere and I searched it and then this popped up.

B
I feel like I saw this on Instagram.

A
I've definitely seen articles on Instagram, too. But it's annoying because the only way to get to the article is for it to either be in someone's bio or for you to go and Google it yourself based on an excerpt or maybe the author's name. Sometimes they include the title, and I guess that makes it easier to find, in theory. It just feels like a lot of effort.

B
Does it?

A
When you're scrolling.

B
When you're scrolling.

A
Yes, when I'm scrolling.

B
So what do you make of this?

A
It's not good.

B
No.

A
The situation. How things are.

B
Can we talk about it?

A
I feel like I need to just sit with it for a little while.

B
Can we talk about it later?

A
Yes.

B
I wasn't sure what this word means. Or maybe what it was referring to.

A
Which one?

B
This one.

A
You could Google it.

B
I feel like that won't be that helpful.

A
Why not?

B
“Don’t believe everything you read on the internet.” Abraham Lincoln.

A
What?

B
It’s a meme.

A
You could look in a few different places.

B
I guess.

A
Do it. Look it up.

B
Okay.

A
What are you seeing?

B
A lot of articles.

A
Click one. Read it.

B
Okay. I guess I’ll start with this one.