

This is a play for people who aren't ready.  
*You'll need a timer, note-taking materials, and another person.*

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A  
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B  
What makes you say that?

A  
I've felt very unsure lately.

B  
Why?

A  
I don't know the difference between what I know and what I believe anymore.

B  
I know what you mean. But I think the feeling goes away.

A  
You get used to it?

B  
Maybe that's what happens. I don't know.

A  
I wish you had a better answer than that.

B  
I don't.

A  
That's selfish.

B  
Is it? What do you mean?

A  
Things have definite answers. There are rights and wrongs.

B  
Right now, I'm happy to know that I don't know. But I think there are people out there that do. I just feel unsure right now. I want to make sure I'm listening to the people that do.

A  
How can you talk to anyone else then? What do you say to them?

B  
What do you mean?

A  
I worry a lot about what I'll say to someone else. Someone who doesn't know what they don't know. Someone who knows the wrong things. Someone who disagrees with me. How will I convince someone else of something if I can't claim to know much of anything?

B  
I think you wait.

A  
What do you mean?

B  
Until you know. Let the people who know speak about what they know.

A  
I don't think that's right. If we get used to this "not knowing," we might stop wanting to know. We might stop trying to know.

B  
What do you mean?

A  
There are rights and wrongs. There are definite answers. Maybe we just don't know them yet but that doesn't mean we let them stay unknown forever.

B  
How do you talk to someone then?

A  
What do you mean?

B  
What do you say to them if you're somewhere between unsure and knowing?

A  
I don't know.

B  
I don't know either.

A  
Would you try something with me?

B  
Sure.

A  
I think lists are helpful. Pro-con. Do-don't. Et cetera.

B  
Sure.

A  
Let's write down a list of the things we know.

B  
Okay.

A  
I'm setting a timer for five minutes. We'll see what we come up with.

B  
Okay.

A  
Alright. Go.

B  
What did you come up with?

A  
I think mine is short. I feel like I know more than this, but I don't know.

B  
I think mine is okay.

A  
Do you want to share one?

B  
Here, you can just look at it.

A  
Here's mine.

B  
Our lists are different.

A  
Yeah.

B

Let's do another one. Kind of the same thing, but a little different. I want to write down a list of questions I have. Specifically questions I have right now. I know I have them, but I don't know if I've ever written them down.

A

Okay.

B

Can you set a timer for another five minutes?

A

Yep. Okay. Ready? Go.

B

That one became easier after a minute or two.

A

Yeah.

B

I feel like I should be writing these on different pieces of paper. I want to save them for later. Come back to them.

A

Yeah.

B

I'm thinking about your question. About what you say to someone else.

A

Do you have a better answer now?

B

No. Maybe. Yes. I think you do this.

A

Set a timer?

B

You say what you know and you say what your questions are. And you ask them what they mean when they say something.

A

"What do you mean?" – Justin Bieber.

B  
Exactly.

A  
I've got one more.

B  
Okay.

A  
Make a list of three people you want to talk to. Three people you want to know more about or maybe that you feel like you should talk to. I don't think we need a timer for this one.

B  
Okay.

A  
Done?

B  
Done.

A  
Now, pick one.

B  
Okay.

A  
I propose we talk to these people. About something. About something happening now.

B  
Sure. Can we check in a week from now to see how it went?

A  
We can.