

This is a play for an ear and a mouth.
You'll need internet access, some string, and another person.

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A
This is a play for an ear and a mouth.

B
Can you hear me?

A
What?

B
Can you hear me?

A
Yes.

B
Before I said anything more complicated, I wanted to make sure you could hear me clearly.

A
What?

B
Really?

A
What?

B
Can you hear me?

A
Yes.

B
Did you hear what I said?

A
Yes. It was a joke.

B
Don't sell yourself short. It was a very funny joke.

A
What did you want to talk about?

B
What would you have done?

A
What?

B
To get my attention. What would you have said? I said, "Can you hear me?" What would you have said?

A
I don't know. Are you listening?

B
Yes.

A
That's what I would have said. Are you listening?

B
That sounds doubtful.

A
I think it's the more important question.

B
You mean compared to mine?

A
Yes.

B
I have another question for you. Are you listening?

A
Yes.

B
Are you registered to vote?

A
That's abrupt.

B
It's what I meant to talk about first. You distracted me with your questions about hearing and listening.

A
Apologies for the distraction.

B
Are you?

A
Yes.

B
Are you lying to me?

A
No.

B
How did you do it?

A
How did I register?

B
Yes.

A
I don't remember. I just did. I sent a letter or something like that.

B
I don't believe you.

A
Why not?

B
I'm a naturally skeptical person.

A
But you know me.

B
I'm always pessimistic about the most important things.

A
I don't appreciate your lack of confidence.

B
You're right. I'm sorry. What are you doing?

A
I'm looking up how I registered to vote. You've got me feeling very self-conscious.

B
How are you doing that?

A
Really?

B
I just ask questions. I rarely have answers.

A
You just go to a website: Vote.gov. The homepage isn't very friendly, but it looks like you just enter the name of your state, and that takes you to a different page and that tells you what you can do to register, and then it links you to a different website where you can find more details on how to actually register. I just made it sound more complicated than it is.

B
So you registered online?

A
That's very likely considering that it's an option in 39 states as well as DC, but I can't say with absolute certainty that I didn't feel compelled to send my registration in the mail instead.

B
Good to hear.

A
How did you register?

B
I haven't.

A
What?

B
I've been meaning to, but I keep forgetting. And it started to become this big weight on my mind because I kept putting it off and off and so I think I started to assume that I was putting it off because it was going to take a lot of energy or time. And then it also seemed more and more important and I wanted to make sure I didn't mess it up. So that's why I wanted to talk to you about it.

A
Go get a piece of string.

B
What?

A
Do it.

B
Okay.

A
Good. Now tie it around your wrist like a bracelet.

B
Okay.

A
You can cut it off once you register. Next time I see you, I want to see either that bracelet or proof that you registered to vote.

B
This is annoying me already.

A
Good.

B
What was the website?

A
Vote.gov.